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HSBC WORLD RUGBY WOMEN'S SEVENS SERIES 2023

CAPE TOWN NOTES

- ➤ This weekend will be the 50th HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series event played since Dubai hosted the inaugural round 10 years ago.
 - Five different teams have won a Cup title across the past 49 events New Zealand (27), Australia (13), Canada (four), USA (three) and England (two).
 - ➤ There have been 8,905 tries in total across the past 49 events at an average of 182 per tournament.
 - ➤ Twenty-eight different countries have featured on the Women's Sevens Series, with Australia, Canada and the USA the only teams to have played every tournament.
 - > Twenty different locations have hosted the Women's Series, with Toulouse last season the most recent.
 - > Thirteen different countries have hosted the Women's Series, with Spain the most recent last season.
 - Australia and the Netherlands played the very first match of the opening event in Dubai in 2012, with New Zealand winning the first Cup title defeating South Africa 41-0 in what is still the second-highest Cup final winning margin Women's Series history.
 - There are four survivors from the inaugural Women's Series event in 2012 still playing 10 years later, with Australia's Sharni Williams, Brazil's Luiza Campos, Canada's Bianca Farella, and New Zealand's Tyla Nathan-Wong all playing this weekend.
 - After 49 events, there still hasn't been a drop goal kicked in Women's Series history.
- ➤ The Women's Series returns to Cape Town for the first time in two years, 11 months and 27 days after was first played here on the 2020 Series.
 - New Zealand were the first team to lift the Cup trophy in Cape Town, and will be looking to defend their title at any Series event for the first time since Sydney on the 2019 and 2020 Series.
 - > France was the top try-scoring team in Cape Town last time, with 26.
 - New Zealand's Stacey Fluhler scored the most tries of any player in Cape Town three years ago with nine.
- ➤ Australia are looking to win the opening two events of the season for the fourth time in their history. They have been crowned Series champion on the three previous occasions they have achieved this on the 2015-16, 2018, and 2022 Series.

Past champion in Cape Town

SERIES	LOCATION	CUP WINNER	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL	MARGIN
2020	Cape Town	New Zealand	Australia (17-7)	10



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KEY TEAM STATS

- Australia has won 45 of their past 49 Women's Series, Rugby World Cup Sevens and Commonwealth Games matches combined since the start of last season.
 - ➤ Their only four losses came in the Cup semi-finals in Málaga, the pool stages in Seville, the Cup final in Toulouse, and the pool rounds in Coventry.
 - ➤ They have won their past four, and nine of their past 10 Women's Series and RWC Sevens matches combined in Cape Town. Their only loss at this venue came against the Black Ferns 7s in the 2020 Series Cup final.
 - ➤ They scored a tournament-high 32 tries last weekend in Dubai, equalling their own record set there on the 2014-15 Series.
 - Sixty-six per cent of their tries scored last weekend were directly assisted by a team-mate, the second-highest ratio of any team after Canada.
 - They averaged the most line-breaks (5.2) and most visits to the opposition 22 (5.7) per game of any team last weekend.
 - Fifteen of their 32 tries scored originated from quick-tap possession (47 per cent), the second-highest ratio of any team after France (50 per cent).
 - They were disciplined with ball in hand, averaging the second-fewest errors per game of any team (2.2) despite making 33.5 passes per game.
 - ➤ They were one of three teams last weekend, alongside Fiji and Canada, to retain every kick in play made.
 - ➤ Their defence last weekend conceded a tournament-low 10 tries, enjoying the third-highest tackle completion rate of any team with 79 per cent, and making the second-most steals with five.
 - Australia met South Africa twice last season, in the pool rounds in Toulouse and at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Coventry. They held them scoreless on both occasions, scoring a combined 91 unanswered points.
 - ➤ Australia have conceded just two tries against Spain across six meetings last season, in the pool rounds in Seville and Langford, enjoying an average winning margin of 31 points.
 - ➤ Their last meeting in Langford, saw Australia record their highest points total and largest winning margin (55-0) against Spain in Series history.
 - Their past three meetings against Ireland have all been Cup knock-games the final in Seville, and two semi-finals in Langford and Toulouse. This will be the first time they have met in the pool rounds since Málaga last season.
 - Australia are currently enjoying a 20-game winning streak against Ireland dating back to Guangzhou on the 2013-14 Series.
- ➤ **Brazil** will look to bounce back from a 12th-place finish last weekend, their lowest result since Sydney in 2020.
 - ➤ They have lost their past eight, and 10 of their past 11 Women's Series matches since Toulouse last season.





- They scored seven tries last weekend, their lowest total at a single event since Sydney in 2020.
 - ➤ Their only try sources originated from possession at the restart (four tries) and quick taps (three tries), failing to score from set-piece, turnovers won or kicks in play.
 - ➤ Only two of their seven tries scored were directly assisted by a team-mate, the second-lowest percentage of any team (29) behind Japan.
- ➤ They had plenty of possession last weekend, averaging the fourth-most passes (38) and fifth-most carries (22.6) per game but struggled to make it into the opposition 22 with the least visits (nine) and lowest strike rate of any team.
- ➤ Their defence conceded a tournament-high 22 tries the last time they played a Women's Series event in Cape Town, but showed much improvement at RWC Sevens 2022 this year, conceding just 10 tries from four games played.
 - ➤ They conceded a tournament-high 28 tries last weekend, their most at a single event since Langford on the 2018 Series, and nearly 12 more than last season's average of 16.8 per event.
- Brazil ended a four-game scoreless run against New Zealand last weekend, scoring their first try against them since the 2015-16 Series.
 - They have never scored in consecutive matches against the Black Ferns Sevens, with their previous two Series tries followed by three or more scoreless games.
- ➤ Brazil suffered a 31-point loss against Great Britain last weekend after their previous two meetings had been decided by just two points or less.
 - ➤ They made just one entry in the opposition 22 last weekend from 19 carries and 14 rucks, conceding 31 unanswered points before finally scoring.
- ➤ This will be their first game against Fiji since the pool rounds at Tokyo 2020, and their first Women's Series match since Sydney in 2020.
 - ➤ They have lost their past six, and seven of their eight previous Women's Series meetings against Fiji. They have conceded 30 or more points in five of the six losses in this current streak.
- Canada won bronze in Cape Town on the 2020 Series, defeating France 22-17. They scored 20 tries that weekend, something they have not achieved at any of the nine subsequent Women's Series tournaments since then.
 - They finished ninth last weekend, winning three matches at a single Women's Series event for the just the second time since the start of last season.
 - ➤ Their defence conceded just 12 tries last weekend, the third least of any team despite having to make the fourth-most tackles per game (13.4), and the third-lowest completion-rate of 72 per cent.
 - ➤ They scored 14 tries last weekend, slightly above their 2022 Series average of 12.7 per event. The quick tap (42 per cent), and set-piece and restart (29 per cent each) provided the three main sources of their tries.
 - ➤ Ten of their 14 tries (71 per cent) were directly assisted by a team-mate, the highest ratio of any team.





- ➤ They averaged the most offloads (9.6) and fourth-most line-breaks (four) per game of any team last weekend, but made the third-least visits to the opposition 22 with 17.
- > They will look to improve their accuracy in front of goal, converting just 50 per cent of their attempts, the lowest success rate of any team last weekend.
- ➤ Canada lost both matches against France last season in placing games in Seville and Toulouse. This is the first time they have been drawn in the same pool since Hamilton in 2020.
- ➤ Canada have never lost against Japan, winning all five previous Women's Series meetings by an average margin of 23 points, and at Rio 2016 45-0.
 - ➤ However, their five-point victory last weekend in the ninth-place play-off was their narrowest in this fixture in Series history.
- Last weekend, they suffered their narrowest loss against the Women's Eagles Sevens (five points) since the 2020 Series in Glendale, 11 games ago.
 - ➤ Both sides kept the other scoreless in a half, with USA taking a 12-0 lead into half-time before Canada bounced back to outscore them 7-0 in the second half.
 - ➤ Canada enjoyed the majority of possession making more passes (33-21), carries (25-15), and offloads (8-1) but could only make two entries into the opposition 22, scoring just one try.
- ➤ Fiji returns to Cape Town hoping to earn their first medal here after finishing sixth on the 2020 Series and fifth at RWC Sevens 2022.
 - ➤ They have won five of eight matches combined at Cape Town Stadium, with their only three losses coming against teams ranked higher New Zealand and Australia on the 2020 Series and France at RWC Sevens 2022.
 - ➤ Fiji scored 21 tries last weekend, the third-most of any team. This is the third consecutive event since returning in Langford where they have scored 20 or more. Prior to this they had reached that total just three times at 38 events.
 - ➤ Their main try scoring source last weekend was the restart, with 10 of their 21 tries (48 per cent) originating from this possession.
 - They enjoyed the best strike rate of one try per ruck, and left the opposition 22 on just three occasions without scoring, enjoying a success rate of 88 per cent, the third-highest of any team.
 - Only 42 per cent of their tries were directly assisted by a team-mate, with half of these assists coming via offloads.
 - ➤ They averaged the least carries per game (17.2) of any team last weekend, but the fifth-most line-breaks with 3.2.
 - ➤ They averaged the second-most offloads per game last week with 6.7 but this came at a cost, averaging the joint-most errors with 3.2 per game.
 - ➤ They were one of three teams last weekend to retain possession on every kick in play made, and one of four teams to score a try from this possession source.





- ➤ They were the most accurate team in front of goal last weekend, converting 81 per cent of their attempts.
- After losing their medal quarter-final against Great Britain at Rio 2016, they have gone on to win the next three meetings, at Tokyo 2020 and both rounds in Dubai last season.
- Fiji have scored 30 points or more in each of their past four wins against Brazil since the start of the 2018 Series up until Tokyo 2020. They held Brazil scoreless in their last Women's Series meeting in Sydney in 2020, the only time they have kept a clean sheet in this fixture.
- Fiji and New Zealand were drawn in the same pool the last time the Women's Series was in Cape Town, with Fiji suffering a narrow two-point loss that day.
 - ➤ They are still chasing their first victory against the Black Ferns Sevens, with a 12-12 draw in Langford last season the closest they have come to victory.
 - ➤ They are edging closer to a win their first 10 losses were by an average margin of 22.5 points, but their past seven matches have seen this margin drop to just eight points.
- France have placed inside the top four at both previous World Rugby events in Cape Town, with fourth on the 2020 Series, losing the bronze final to Canada, and third at RWC Sevens 2022, winning their bronze medal match against USA.
 - ➤ They will be chasing their first Women's Series medal since the second round in Dubai last season, finishing fourth or lower in each of the past five events.
 - ➤ After averaging the second-most penalties conceded per game last season (3.7), this trend of ill-discipline has continued, conceding the fourth-most last weekend with 3.8 per game.
 - ➤ They scored 18 tries last weekend, the fourth-most of any team. Fifty per cent of them originated from quick tap possession, the highest ratio of any team.
 - ➤ They will look to improve their strike rate after averaging one try every 3.4 rucks last weekend, down from their rate of 1.8 last season.
 - ➤ Last season they scored 20 or more tries in every event this was the first time since Sydney in 2020 they failed to reach this total.
 - > They will look to be more accurate with ball in hand, averaging the joint-most errors of any team last weekend with 3.2 per game.
 - They will look to improve their defence after conceding 19 tries last weekend, the joint-second most of any team, and nearly double their 2022 Series average of 10.5 per event.
 - ➤ Their tackle completion was the second-lowest of any team in Dubai with 69 per cent, missing an average of 5.7 tackles per game, the second-highest.
 - ➤ They conceded 21 points or more in four of their six games.
 - ➤ This is just the fifth time in their 12th meeting since the start of the 2019 Series that they have played Canada in the pool rounds. Seven of their past 11 meetings have come Cup or placing games.





- ➤ They are currently on a two-game winning streak against Canada and are chasing three-straight victories for the first time in Series history. They had recorded just two wins from 28 Series games prior to last season.
- France are unbeaten in eight previous Series meetings against Japan, enjoying an average winning margin of 23 points.
 - France posted a record score (41) and win margin (36) in their last meeting in Langford on the 2022 Series.
- ➤ In a replay of last weekend's bronze final, France will be chasing their first win against the USA since Dubai last season. Eight of their 10 Women's Series victories against the Women's Eagles Sevens have come in the pool rounds.
 - France will look to improve their defence after missing eight tackles against USA last weekend, completing just 62 per cent of their attempts.
- Great Britain have played all three HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series events in Dubai, and will play at a different venue for the first time (excludes Olympic Games).
 - ➤ They have won just one of their past 11 Women's Series games since the second round in Dubai last season, against Brazil in their opening pool game last weekend.
 - ➤ They scored 16 tries in Dubai, their most in a Women's Series event in their short history. However, they will look to improve their strike-rate in the opposition 22 after making the joint-fourth most visits with 23, but the fourth lowest success-rate with 70 per cent.
 - After conceding just 12 tries in their first Women's Series event last season, they have now conceded 19.5 on average across their last two tournaments.
 - ➤ They have only held their opposition to a single figure score-line on three occasions from 16 Women's Series games played, against Russia and Canada last season, and Brazil last weekend.
 - ➤ They showed variation in try scoring last weekend, with 31 per cent originating from set piece and quick taps, and 13 per cent from turnovers won, kicks in play and restarts.
 - Only 31 per cent of their tries scored last weekend were directly assisted by a team-mate, the third lowest percentage of any team.
 - ➤ They rarely offloaded the ball, averaging just 3.5 per game, the second lowest of any team.
 - ➤ There are 11 players in their squad who played at Rugby World Cup Sevens 2022 in Cape Town with Heather Cowell, Grace Crompton, Emma Uren, Alicia Maude, Isla Norman-Smith, Celia Quansah, Amy Wilson-Hardy, Lauren Torley, Jade Shekells, and co-captains Abbie Brown and Megan Jones all representing England.
 - ➤ Great Britain suffered a narrow two-point loss the last time they played Fiji on the Women's Series. Slow starts were an issue in both games in Dubai last season, with Great Britain restricted to just one first-half try in both games.
 - ➤ They were one of just two teams last weekend to restrict New Zealand to less than 20 points in a match.





- ➤ Their only victory last weekend came against Pool B opponents Brazil, and the only opposition they kept scoreless in a single half, leading 24-0 at the break.
- ➤ **Ireland** finished sixth last weekend, their lowest placing since Dubai last season. They will look to improve on an 11th-place result in Cape Town on the 2020 Series.
 - After topping their pool last week, Ireland went on to win just one of their three games on day two. They failed to win a pool game in Cape Town the last time they played here, with their only victory coming against Brazil on day two.
 - ➤ They scored 17 tries in Dubai, with 35 per cent of them originating from set piece and restart possession, their main scoring platforms.
 - They enjoyed the highest retention success of any team from the kick off, winning back possession on 28.6 per cent of their restarts.
 - They scored just five tries in Cape Town three years ago.
 - ➤ They made the most kicks in play of any team last weekend with seven, retaining three at 42 per cent.
 - They made the least handling errors of any team last weekend with 1.8 per game.
 - They will look to improve their discipline after receiving two yellow cards last weekend, the joint-most of any team alongside USA, and conceding the thirdmost penalties with four per game.
 - ➤ Ireland won their only previous Series meeting against South Africa 24-7 in Dubai in 2017 which featured a double from **Aimee-Leigh Murphy Crowe**.
 - ➤ Ireland have won their past three Women's Series matches against Spain since last season by an average margin of 16 points.
 - ➤ On all three occasions, Ireland raced out to a large half-time lead, 26-7 in Dubai, 14-0 in Málaga, and 14-0 last weekend before a much tighter second-half with both teams never getting beyond a converted try of each other in this period.
 - ➤ After 15 of their first 19 Women's Series meetings against Australia came in the pool stages, their past three have been Cup semi-finals or finals. They were only placed in the same pool once last season, in Málaga.
 - Since winning just their second ever Women's Series meeting in Guangzhou in 2013, Ireland have lost their past 20-straight games.
 - ➤ Ireland have been held to 12 points or less in their last 11 losses against Australia, and have never scored more than 19 points in this fixture.
- Japan will play their first Women's Series event in Cape Town, after missing the 2020 Series round.
 - > They won the Challenge final at the RWC Sevens 2022, coming back from behind at half-time to defeat both South Africa and Poland enroute to this title.
 - They finished 10th last weekend in Dubai, with their only victory coming against China in the ninth-place semi-final.





- ➤ Their past seven victories on the Women's Series have all been placing games. They are looking to end a 22-game losing streak in the pool rounds, with their last win coming against Russia in Langford in 2018.
- ➤ They will look to improve their ball security after averaging the most turnovers of any team last weekend with 8.6 per game.
- Only two of their 11 tries scored last weekend were directly assisted by a teammate, the lowest ratio of any team at 18 per cent.
 - > Both assists were for **Wakaba Hara**, who was their top try-scorer with four.
- They will look to improve their discipline after averaging the second-most penalties per game last weekend (4.2).
- ➤ They scored 11 tries last weekend, with six originating from unstructured possession with four from quick taps and two from turnovers won.
- ➤ Japan is searching for their first Women's Series victory against two of their three Pool C opponents this weekend.
 - ➤ They have never beaten France or Canada, with their only victory coming against USA in Dubai on the 2015-16 Series.
- New Zealand continue to be thwarted by Australia this year, the only team to beat them across their past 27 games combined from the 2022 Series, 2022 Commonwealth Games, 2022 Rugby World Cup Sevens and 2023 Series.
 - ➤ New Zealand were only the third highest try-scoring team in Cape Town on the 2020 Series, but the best defensive team, conceding a tournament-low seven tries including just two in the pool rounds.
 - ➤ They have reached the Cup final at each of the past seven Women's Series events dating back to Dubai on the 2020 Series. They have only lost consecutive Cup finals in back-to-back events once in their history, against Australia in Atlanta and England in Langford on the 2015-16 Series.
 - > They average 26 points per game across the Women's Series and Rugby World Cup Sevens at Cape Town Stadium, only one less than the top ranked Aussies.
 - ➤ They have conceded the least or joint-least tries of any team across the last three events with 11 in Langford and Toulouse, and 10 last weekend.
 - ➤ Their defence enjoyed the best tackle completion-rate (85 per cent), made the most steals (seven), and missed the second-fewest tackles per game 2.7) of any team last weekend.
 - ➤ However, they conceded more conceded first half points against Australia (14), than their combined total in this period across their other four games (10 points).
 - ➤ They scored the most tries of any team last weekend from set piece (eight), representing the highest percentage (31) of any of their possession sources.
 - Forty-six per cent of their tries scored last weekend were assisted by a teammate, the fifth-highest percentage, but down from their 2022 Series average of 50 per cent, the second-highest.





- ➤ They are unbeaten in their past 19 Women's Series pool matches with 18 wins and one draw since Cape Town on the 2020 Series.
- ➤ They are unbeaten against all three Pool B opponents on the Women's Series, with Fiji in Langford last season coming the closest to victory with a 12-12 draw.
- ➤ **South Africa** were the invitational team in Toulouse last season, and have played just one event in four of the past six seasons since being related as a core team after the 2014-15 Series.
 - ➤ They were the invitational team in Cape Town on the 2020 Series and play on home soil at a major World Rugby event for the third time after also playing at RWC Sevens 2022 earlier this year.
 - ➤ After losing all four games at Cape Town Stadium on the 2020 Series, they won one of their four games played at RWC Sevens 2022, 27-0 against Columbia.
 - > They won three of their five matches on the 2022 Challenger Series, finishing ninth.
 - ➤ They ended a nine-game losing streak at the Commonwealth Games, recording their maiden victory at this event defeating Sri Lanka in the seventh-place playoff in Coventry.
 - They won one of their five games in Toulouse last season, defeating Pool A opponents Spain in the ninth-place semi-final. This ended an eight-game Women's Series losing streak. They will be chasing their first pool victory since 2016-17 in Dubai, 10 games ago.
 - South Africa have not scored a try against Australia since Dubai on the 2016-17 Series, held scoreless in their Series and Commonwealth Games meetings earlier this year.
 - ➤ They will play Ireland for the first time since Dubai on the 2018 Series. They have never scored more than one try in this fixture across the Women's Series and Rugby World Cup Sevens combined.
 - South Africa's last win against any Women's Series core team came against Spain in Toulouse last season.
 - ➤ A missed conversion proved the difference on the scoreboard that day, with the South African defence completing 79 per cent of their tackle attempts, and conceding just three line-breaks and three visits to their own 22.
- > Spain finished seventh last weekend, their best result at a Women's Series event since Dubai last season, five tournaments ago.
 - ➤ They will look to improve on their result here on the 2020 Series, finishing eighth in Cape Town three years ago.
 - ➤ They conceded 14 tries in Dubai, four less than their 2022 Series average of 18.3 per event.
 - Their tackle completion-rate was the fourth-best of any team last weekend at 77 per cent, missing just 3.2 tackles per game, the third-fewest.
 - They scored 13 tries in Dubai, with 46 per cent originating from the quick tap.





- ➤ After conceding a season-high 4.5 penalties per game on the 2022 Series, their discipline improved last weekend, with just 2.8 per game.
- ➤ On attack, they will look to improve their strike-rate inside the opposition 22, after scoring in just 68 per cent of their visits, the third lowest of any team.
- After winning four of five Women's Series games against Ireland between the 2019 and 2020 Series, Spain have now lost their past three since the start of last season, and will be looking to avoid losing four in a row for the first time.
- ➤ They will be looking end a 10-game losing streak against Australia dating back to the start of the 2020 Series. Their last win came in the Cup quarter-finals in Biarritz in 2019. They have been held scoreless in six of these 10 losses.
- Spain suffered a two-point loss against South Africa last season in Toulouse, their first loss in this fixture since the 2013-14 Series.
 - ➤ They have only scored more than 20 points in a game once against South Africa, in a 24-0 victory in the Bowl semi-finals in Atlanta in 2015.
- ➤ **USA** won their first Women's Series medal since their Cup title in Málaga, with bronze in Dubai last weekend. They will be chasing medals in back-to-back events for the first time since Glendale and Dubai on the 2020 Series.
 - ➤ They finished fifth in Cape Town on the 2020 Series, and lost the bronze final at this venue at the 2022 Rugby World Cup Sevens.
 - They scored just 11 tries last weekend, the joint-third lowest of any team, scoring 27 per cent of their total tournament tries in the bronze final.
 - ➤ They had very little possession last weekend, averaging the least passes (24) and offloads (2.7), the second-fewest carries (17.3) per game, and made second-least visits to the opposition 22 (15) of any team in Dubai.
 - ➤ They were the most ill-disciplined team in Dubai, conceding on average 5.2 penalties per game, and received the joint-most yellow cards with two.
 - ➤ Set piece and the restart were their main try scoring sources with four each from this possession. Only three of their 11 tries (27 per cent) came from unstructured play from quick taps and turnovers won.
 - This will be the first time they have met Japan since Paris on the 2018 Series.
 - After winning six of the first seven meetings by an average margin of 26 points, their five-point win at Stade Jean Bouin was their narrowest in the history of this fixture.
 - Three of their past four Women's Series matches against their North American rivals Canada have been close, decided by a margin of seven points or less.
 - Their past four meetings have been low scoring affairs, with neither team able to score 20 points or more in the match.
 - ➤ USA have won the past two, and nine of their past 11 Women's Series matches against France since the start of the 2019 Series. Their only two losses have come in pool matches, in Glendale on the 2020 Series and Dubai last season.
 - ➤ Their past three wins have been narrow, by five points or less, while both recent losses have been by double figure margins.



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KEY PLAYER STATS

- ➤ Australia has 11 of their 13 Rugby World Cup Sevens 2022 champions returning to Cape Town, with only Tia Hinds and Lily Dick missing through injury,
- ➤ 2022 Rookie of the Year Maddison Levi set a new tournament try-scoring record in Dubai last weekend with 11, averaging one try every 1.4 carries.
 - ➤ The past three Women's Series events have all seen the leading try-scorer cross 10 or more times the 12 previous events had seen nine or less.
 - > She is currently on a seven-game try-scoring streak since the RWC Sevens 2022 final, with 14 scored in total in this period.
 - ➤ She has scored at least once in 32 of 51 games played across all events since making her debut at Tokyo 2020. Seventeen of these 32 try scoring games have seen two or more tries scored. Her 11 doubles overall are already the fifth most for Australia.
- Dominique du Toit made the most try assists of any player last week with five, despite playing every game off the bench.
 - ➤ Her best combination was with Maddison Levi and Faith Nathan with two each.
- Australia's Faith Nathan was the top try-scorer at RWC Sevens 2022 with nine.
- Canada has three survivors in their squad from the team who won bronze in Cape Town on the 2020 Series, with Bianca Farella, Julia Greenshields and Charity Williams all returning.
 - Farella was their leading try-scorer at Cape Town Stadium with five, and returns for the first time after missing Rugby World Cup Sevens 2022.
- Co-captain Abbie Brown and Amy Wilson Hardy both require two more tries to reach 50 in their careers for England and Great Britain combined.
- Fiji's **Ana Maria Naimasi** was the second-leading try-scorer at RWC Sevens 2022 with six tries, including a hattrick against Japan.
- Japan's Wakaba Hara was their leading try-scorer last weekend with five, the most by any player at a single tournament since Paris in 2018 when Raichielmiyo Bativakalolo crossed seven times.
- ➤ Ireland's **Eve Higgins** requires four more tries to become just the second player after Aimee-Leigh Murphy Crowe to score 50 on the Women's Series.
- New Zealand have five survivors in their squad from the team who lifted the Cup trophy in Cape Town three years ago. Niall Williams, Kelly Brazier, Shiray Kaka, Risi Pouri-Lane and captain Tyla Nathan-Wong all return to defend their title.
- > Spain's Claudia Peña Hidalgo made a tournament-high 10 offloads in Dubai, but her only try assist came via a pass.
- ➤ There are four survivors in South Africa's squad from the last time they played a Women's Series event on home soil with **Rights Mkhari**, **Liske Lategan**, **Nadine Roos** and **Lusanda Dumke** all returning.
 - ➤ **Nadine Roos** was their leading try-scorer at RWC Sevens 2022 with five tries, including four in one game against Columbia.
- ➤ USA's **Jaz Gray** made the second-most line-breaks of any player at RWC Sevens 2022 (five) behind Faith Nathan. She was the Women's Eagles Sevens leading tryscorer at this event with four.

