

KITAKYUSHU NOTES

- New Zealand are the only team to win a HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series Cup title in Japan, winning the past two events in Kitakyushu.
 - New Zealand have never won three straight Cup titles at the same event, winning two in a row in Langford, Guangzhou, Amsterdam, Atlanta, France and USA.
 - New Zealand are on a 12-game winning streak in Kitakyushu, and have only conceded 14 tries across both events, the least of any team.
- New Zealand hold the record for most tries in a single Women's Series event in Kitakyushu, scoring 32 in 2018.
- There were 209 tries scored at Mikuni World Stadium in 2018, the most in a single tournament at the HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens, and the joint-most of any event last series.
- Russia's **Alena Mikhaltsova** holds the record for most tries and points scored at an event in Kitakyushu with 11 tries and 55 points last year.
- New Zealand have won the opening three events on the 2019 series, and are looking to equal their Women's Sevens Series record of winning the first four events set in 2014-15.
- New Zealand have won the past six HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series events dating back to Kitakyushu last season. No team has won seven consecutive Cup titles in Women's Series history.
 - This will be the 35th Women's Series event since 2012. New Zealand dominance has been slightly greater in the second half of the series' history winning 11 of the past 17 events compared to 10 of the first 17.
- New Zealand are one win away from equalling their Women's Series record of 37 consecutive games set between Guangzhou in 2014 and London in 2015.

Past champions in Kitakyushu

SERIES	CUP WINNER	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL
2018	New Zealand	France (24-12)
2016-17	New Zealand	Canada (17-14)

KEY STATS

- New Zealand are enjoying a 36-match winning streak on the Women's Series dating back to Kitakyushu in 2018. They hold the record of 37 consecutive victories from 2014-15.
 - Their last loss came in the Cup final in Sydney in 2018.
- New Zealand are enjoying a 49-match unbeaten run in global tournaments including the 2019 Fast Four Tournament, 2018 Commonwealth Games and Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018.
- New Zealand have played seven straight Cup finals since Sydney 2018, and will be looking to reach eight in a row for the first time since 2013-15.
- USA have made the most half-time comebacks of any team this season, trailing twice in Sydney, against China and Russia.
- Australia played their first Cup final this series in Sydney. The HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens is the only active event on the Women's Series calendar where they have not reached this stage of the tournament.
- France reached a HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series Cup final for the first time in Kitakyushu last season.
 - They have not reached a Cup final since, losing their past two semi-finals in Paris and Glendale.
- Spain finished fourth at the HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens last year, making just their second Cup semi-final appearance, and first since Dubai in 2012.
- Australia's **Ellia Green** is two tries away from becoming the second Australian to score 100 tries on the Women's Sevens Series behind Emilee Cherry (128).
- France captain **Fanny Horta** needs four more tries to become the first French player to score 50 Women's Sevens Series tries.
- In her 30th tournament, **Patricia Garcia** will become Spain's most capped player.
 - She is Spain's all-time leading point scorer (551), and sixth overall on the Women's Series. She requires two more tries to become the first Spaniard to score 50 tries.
 - She and Canada's **Ghislaine Landry** will become the fourth and fifth players respectively to play 30 Women's Series tournaments when they run out in their opening fixture against each other on day one.
- Russia captain **Alena Mikhaltsova** has scored the most tries of any player at Mikuni World Stadium with 16 across the past two events.

AUSTRALIA TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
5th	3rd	2nd	-	-	-

- Australia played their first Cup final this series in Sydney. The HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens is the only active event on the Women's Series calendar where they have not reached this stage of the tournament.
 - They have played more than one Cup final in each of the past five series since 2013-14.
- They have scored the second most tries (65) and points (401) of any team this season.
 - They are one of just two teams alongside New Zealand, to have scored 20 or more tries in each of their past two visits to Kitakyushu.
- They have only topped their pool once in Kitakyushu, in 2017. This was the only event last season where they failed to win all three games on day one, suffering a 17-14 loss against Spain in their final pool match.
 - They have finished third in each of their past two events in Kitakyushu.
- Australia have made the second most line-breaks of any team this series with 77, averaging 4.3 per game.
 - They have made the least offloads of any core team this series with 34, averaging just 1.6 per game. Their ball retention has been one of their strengths this series, averaging the second least errors of any team (5.7) despite making the fourth most passes (33.8 per game).
- Australia have been the best team this season at retaining possession from their own restarts, leading the series with 23 per cent, including a tournament-high 38.1 per cent in Sydney.
- Australia open their campaign against China, a team they have never lost to in eight previous meetings. After holding China scoreless in their first five games, Australia have not conceded more than one try in each of the past three matches.
- Australia's only pool loss last season came against Spain at this venue. They were forced to defend for the majority of the game, making 38 tackles compared to Spain's nine.
 - They have subsequently won their past four Women's Series games against Spain, including outscoring them 49-0 this series across their past two meetings.
- Australia lost their last meeting with Canada 15-10 in the Cup semi-final in Dubai. This ended a five-game winning streak across all competitions. They have not lost back-to-back games against Canada since Kitakyushu and Langford in 2017, and only twice in Women's Series history.

- **Emma Tonegato** was Australia's leading try-scorer in Kitakyushu last season with six tries.
 - She has scored two or more tries in each of her past three games against Canada across all competitions, and 10 tries in her past five games since Las Vegas in 2017.
- **Ellia Green** is Australia's leading try-scorer this series with 13, including scoring a team-high five tries in Glendale and Sydney.
 - She returns to Kitakyushu for the first time since scoring a team-high five tries in 2017.
 - She is two tries away from becoming the second Australian to score 100 tries on the Women's Sevens Series behind Emilee Cherry (128).
- **Evania Pelite, Alicia Quirk and Emma Skyes** are the only three squad members returning for their third event in Kitakyushu.
 - **Evania Pelite** made a team-high 17 tackles in Kitakyushu last year, and is leading Australia's defensive effort this series with 32 tackles. On attack she has made the most carries (57) and line-breaks (14) for Australia.
 - **Emma Sykes** made the most carries for Australia in Sydney with 23, and had a tournament-high seven of her 21 restarts retained.
 - **Alicia Quirk** is still chasing her first try at the HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens.
- In her 29th tournament co-captain **Charlotte Caslick** will join Emilee Cherry and Shannon Parry as Australia's most capped Women's Series player.
- **Samantha Treherne** and **Mahalia Murphy** have both been named in Australia's Wallaroos squad for their upcoming test series against Japan in July.

Cup Titles (8)

SERIES	ROUND	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL
2018	Sydney	New Zealand (31-0)
2018	Dubai	USA (34-0)
2015-16	Atlanta	New Zealand (24-19)
2015-16	Sao Paulo	Canada (29-0)
2015-16	Dubai	Russia (31-12)
2014-15	London	Canada (20-17)
2013-14	Sao Paulo	New Zealand (24-12)
2013-14	Dubai	New Zealand (35-27)

CANADA TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
3rd	2nd	5th	-	-	-

- Canada lost the Cup final 17-14 against New Zealand in 2017, their best finish in Kitakyushu.
 - Their three-point loss that year is still the joint-second narrowest of any Cup final in Women's Series history.
 - They have played a further two Cup finals since this defeat, losing 17-7 to New Zealand in Langford in 2017, and 26-14 to New Zealand in Dubai this series.
 - In 2018 they failed to make the Cup quarter-finals for the first time in series history. They finished 11th, their lowest placing at a Women's Series event.
- Canada scored 31 tries in Kitakyushu in 2017, their most tries in a single tournament in Women's Series history.
 - They are one of just three teams, alongside Australia and New Zealand, to score 30 or more tries at a single event.
 - Kitakyushu is one of five events in series history where Canada has been the top try-scoring team. They also top-scored in London in 2015, and Las Vegas, Langford and Clermont-Ferrand in 2017. They finished joint-top with New Zealand in Sydney in 2017, their last Cup title.
 - Their 49 tries in Kitakyushu are the second most of any team.
- Canada have scored 60 tries this season, the fourth most of any team, and one more than they had scored at the same stage last year.
 - They have made the third most line-breaks (67) and fourth most visits to the opposition 22 (76) of any team this season.
- Canada have made the most steals of any team this season, with 12 from 18 games played.
- **Bianca Farella** has scored the second most tries of any player on the 2019 Series (18), and has scored four tries in each of her past two visits to Kitakyushu.
- **Julia Greenshields** was the joint-leading try-scorer in Kitakyushu in 2017 with eight tries alongside USA's Naya Tapper.
- Captain **Ghislaine Landry** will become the third Canadian to play 30 Women's Series tournaments after Bianca Farella and Kayla Moleschi.

Cup Titles (3)

SERIES	HOST CITY	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL
2016-17	Sydney	USA (21-17)
2015-16	Clermont-Ferrand	Australia (29-19)
2014-15	Amsterdam	Australia (20-17)

CHINA TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
11th	9th	11th	-	-	-

- China will make their second appearance in Kitakyushu after playing here in 2018 as the invitational team.
 - They reached their one and only Women's Series Cup quarter-final at this event last year.
- They have scored 29 tries so far this season, their highest total across the opening three events as a core team. They are only 10 tries away from equalling their season-record of 39 tries set in 2014-15.
- China won their last match, 31-0 against Papua New Guinea in Sydney, and looking to win two in a row for the second time this season after defeating Spain 12-7 and Fiji 12-10 in Dubai.
 - China are still chasing their first victory in the pool stages this season. They have not won a pool match since defeating Ireland 24-12 in Kitakyushu last season.
- One of their three victories this season have come against Pool B opponents Spain, 12-7 in Sydney. They have not beaten the same team twice in a single series since 2014-15 when they defeated South Africa on four occasions.
 - They are two wins away from equalling the five matches won in 2014-15, the only other series where that have participated as a core team.
- There are five players in this squad who all made their Women's Series debut in Kitakyushu last year.
 - **Sun Caihong** is the only one to have not played a tournament since.
- **Chen Keyi** has the best success-rate of any player in front of goal this season who has made more than 20 attempts, kicking 80 per cent of her conversions.
 - She is China's leading try-scorer this series with seven, with her four tries in Sydney their most by an individual in a tournament this series.
 - She was China's leading try-scorer in Kitakyushu last year with five tries.
 - She has made the most line-breaks for China this season, with 10, including a team-high six in Sydney.
- Captain **Yan Meiling** led their defensive effort in Sydney, making a team-high 13 tackles, the most by a Chinese player in a tournament this series.
 - She is the only player to have played in all 15 of China's games this series.

ENGLAND TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event

Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
8th	6th	10th	-	-	-

- England will look to bounce back from a 10th place finish in Sydney, their lowest since finishing last in Clermont-Ferrand in 2017.
 - They have only finished 11th or lower in consecutive events once in Women's Series history, in Sydney and Las Vegas in 2017.
- England have lost both Cup quarter-finals in Kitakyushu since 2017. This is one of three countries in Women's Series history where they have never played a Cup semi-final, alongside Australia and at home.
- England scored 18 tries in Sydney, their second-most in a tournament this series. They have now scored 18 or more tries in consecutive events for the first time since 2015-16 where they reached this total or higher in five straight between Sao Paulo and Dubai.
- England will play their 200th Sevens Series match in their pool opener against USA, becoming the fourth team to reach this milestone after New Zealand, Australia and Canada.
- England have been the second most disciplined core team this season, conceding 37 penalties at an average of 2.2 per game.
- England have made the fourth most offloads of any team this series with 67, averaging 3.9 per game.
- Head coach James Bailey has made two changes from his Sydney squad, recalling **Ellie Kildunne** who hasn't played since Dubai, and handing a Women's Series debut to **Emma Hardy**.
 - Despite missing the HSBC Sydney Sevens, **Ellie Kildunne** is still England's second leading try-scorer this season with eight, scoring a team or joint-team-high four tries in Glendale and Dubai.
 - **Emma Hardy** played two games at the 2019 Fast Four Tournament, against New Zealand and China.
- **Holly Aitchison** has the second highest success-rate in front of goal this season by players who have made more than 20 attempts. She has kicked 26 of her 34 attempts at 76.6 per cent.
- **Megan Jones** made her Women's Sevens Series debut in Kitakyushu in 2017.
- Captain **Abbie Brown** was England's leading try-scorer in Kitakyushu in 2017 with four tries.

Cup Titles (2)

SERIES	HOST CITY	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL
2015-16	Langford	New Zealand (31-14)
2012-13	Houston	USA (29-12)

FIJI TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
10th	11th	9th	-	-	-

- Fiji reached the Cup semi-finals in Kitakyushu in 2017, one of just two events on the Women's Sevens Series where they have reached this stage of a tournament, alongside Guangzhou in 2013.
 - On both occasions New Zealand denied them a chance to reach their maiden Cup final.
- Fiji produced their best result of the season in Sydney, finishing ninth. They scored 13 tries, their most in a tournament this series.
 - Both previous visits to Kitakyushu have been Fiji's highest or joint-highest try-scoring tournaments of the season, scoring 22 tries in 2017 and 18 tries last year.
 - Fiji won three games in Sydney, against England, China and Russia, the same number of victories they had recorded across the opening two events this series.
- Fiji have the fifth-best success-rate when visiting the opposition 22 at 79.1 per cent, despite making the second least visits of any core team this season (43).
- Fiji have made the most second-most offloads (90) of any team this series, averaging a competition-high six per game. However this high-risk style of play is coming at a cost, averaging the most errors per game (7.9) of any core team this season.
- Fiji will look to improve their discipline, after receiving the most yellow cards of any team this season with eight, and conceding the third most penalties (54).
- Fiji have won their past two, and four of their past five games against Pool C opponents England. They are looking to win three in a row for the first time.
- Fiji have lost their past six games against Ireland dating back to Langford 2017. Their last victory came at this venue in 2017, 45-0.
- Fiji will play USA for the first time this series. They have only met once since the start of the 2018 Series, with USA winning 28-7 in Paris last year.
- **Paulini Korowaqa** is the only change from the team who played in Sydney. She returns to the squad after last playing in Dubai.
- **Ana Maria Naimasi** was Fiji's leading try-scorer in Kitakyushu last year, with five tries. She produced an all-round performance in attack and defence, making the joint-second most line-breaks (seven), joint-third most carries (21) and second most tackles (23) of any player.
 - She has made the second most tackles of any player this series with 42, including the most for Fiji in each of the past three events.

FRANCE TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
4th	7th	6th	-	-	-

- France reached a HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series Cup final for the first time in Kitakyushu last season.
 - They have not reached a Cup final since, losing their past two semi-finals in Paris and Glendale.
 - France have only reached multiple Cup semi-finals at the same event on three other occasions, playing this match twice in Dubai and in France, and four times in Langford.
- France scored 24 tries in Sydney, the second-most of any team, and their joint-most in a single tournament in Women's Series history.
- France have made the second most visits of any team this series to the opposition 22 with 86. However they have the second lowest success-rate of any core team, converting just 70.7 percent of their visits into tries.
- France have made the fourth most line-breaks of any team this series with 64.
- France will be looking to record their first win against New Zealand when they meet in Pool A.
 - The closest they have come to defeating the four-time Women's Series champions was in Sydney in 2017, losing 14-12.
 - They have been outscored 115-11 across their past four international sevens meetings, including losing the Fast Four final 31-0 in Hamilton.
- France will look to bounce back from their 21-10 loss to Russia in Dubai. This defeat ended their four-game winning streak in this fixture, and they will be looking to avoid losing two in a row for the first time since Kitakyushu in 2017.
- France have eight players from last year's Cup final returning, with Majorie Mayans, Anne-Cecile Ciofani, Chloe Pelle, Nassira Konde, Fanny Horta, Seraphine Okemba, Coralie Bertrand, and Caroline Drouin all named.
- Captain **Fanny Horta** needs four more tries to reach 50 Women's Series tries.
 - She was France's leading try-scorer in Sydney with five, the most by a French player in a tournament this series.
- **Seraphine Okemba** made her Women's Series debut in Kitakyushu in 2017, against France's Pool A opponents Russia.
- **Anne-Cecile Ciofani** is France's leading try-scorer this series with 10.
- **Shannon Izar** made the most offloads of any player in Sydney with 10, and has made the second-most overall this series with 18.

IRELAND TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
6th	8th	4th	-	-	-

- Ireland reached their first Cup semi-final on the Women's Series in Sydney, finishing fourth.
 - This was despite scoring 15 tries, their least at a tournament this series.
 - This was also the first time they topped their pool at an event.
 - They were undefeated in four of their matches in Sydney, with three wins and one draw, and three of these games decided by five or less points.
- Ireland have been breaking their own try-scoring records this season, with their most in any Women's Series event in Glendale (20), their most in Dubai (17) and their most in Sydney (15).
 - Their 52 tries this series are only eight less than their season total on the 2018 Series, and only 14 less than their season record of 66 in 2016-17.
 - They have never scored more than 12 tries at a single Kitakyushu event.
- Ireland have played the Challenge Trophy final in each of their past two visits to Kitakyushu, defeating Spain 26-7 in 2017, and losing 24-19 against USA in 2018.
 - After playing Cup quarter-finals in all three events this season, they will be looking to reach this stage in four straight events for the first time in Women's Series history.
- Ireland have conceded the second most penalties of any team this season (61).
- **Amee Leigh Murphy Crowe** became the first Irish player in Women's Series history to finish an event as the leading try-scorer, with nine in Sydney.
 - Her nine tries were scored in her last five games, her longest Women's Series try-scoring streak, and featured a hat-trick against Pool C opponents Fiji.
 - She is Ireland's all-time leading Women's Sevens Series try-scorer with 67. She scored her first try against Pool C opponents England on 5 April, 2014 in Guangzhou. She has scored just three tries in Kitakyushu.
 - No Irish player has scored more than three tries in a single HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens event.
 - She has scored the second-most tries (18) and made the joint-most line-breaks (17) of any player this season.
- Captain **Lucy Mulhall** made the third-most tackles of any player this season (41).
- **Megan Burns** will make her Women's Series debut after earning her first Irish cap at the Rugby Europe Sevens Grand Prix Series in Kazan last September.

JAPAN TEAM NOTES

- Japan lost their core status on the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series last season, and will make their first appearance as an invitational team this series.
 - This will be their 18th Women's Sevens Series event after making their debut in Houston in 2012.
 - They have participated in both previous HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens events in 2017-18.
 - They will be chasing their first Women's Series win on home soil, after losing all 10 previous matches played at this event.
- Japan missed out on core status for the 2020 Series, after losing their World Rugby Women's Sevens Series Qualifier semi-final against Scotland 24-19 earlier this month.
 - They enjoyed the best points differential of any team during the pool stages at So Kon Po Recreational Ground (+95).
 - They scored 26 tries, the second most of any team behind Scotland.
- Japan have named seven players in their squad who played last series.
- Japan need one more try to reach 150 Women's Sevens Series tries.
- **Yoko Suzuki** was Japan's leading try-scoring at the Women's Series Qualifiers in Hong with six tries.
- **Mele Yua Havili Kagawa** made the most offloads of any player at the Women's Series Qualifiers with eight.
- **Yume Hirano** was Japan's leading try-scorer in Kitakyushu last year with three tries.
- **Yuki Ito** returns to the Women's Series for the first time since making her debut in Kitakyushu in 2017.
- **Honoka Tsutsumi** made the most line-breaks of any player at the Women's Series Qualifiers with eight.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
1st	1st	1st	-	-	-

- New Zealand won their sixth consecutive, and 21st HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series Cup title in Sydney, defeating Australia 34-10.
- They are looking to set a new HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series record of seven straight Cup titles.
- They are enjoying a 36-match winning streak on the Women's Series dating back to Kitakyushu in 2018. They hold the record of 37 consecutive victories set between 2014-15.
 - Their last loss came in the Cup final in Sydney in 2018.
 - Their average winning margin during this streak has been 24.4 points, with 24 of their 36 games won by three converted tries or more.
 - Only Australia in Kitakyushu, England and Fiji in Langford and Ireland in Dubai have come within seven points of New Zealand.
 - Canada's 19 points against New Zealand in Glendale are the most of any team in this streak. New Zealand have held their opposition to seven points or less in 24 matches.
- They are enjoying a 49-match unbeaten run in global tournaments including the 2019 Fast Four Tournament, 2018 Commonwealth Games and Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018.
- New Zealand have played seven straight Cup finals since Sydney 2018, and will be looking to reach eight in a row for the first time since 2013-15.
 - They have topped their pool in a record 16 straight events, the longest streak in Women's Series history. The last time they failed to top their pool was in Atlanta in 2016.
- The Black Ferns Sevens have scored 89 tries on the 2019 Series, the most of any team, and one less than they had scored at the same stage last season.
 - They have scored 30 or more tries in five of their past six events since Kitakyushu last season.
 - They have scored the most tries of any team in the past six events dating back to Kitakyushu last season. This is the longest run of consecutive events as the top try-scoring team in Women's Series history.
 - They have made the most line-breaks (97) and offloads (95) of any team this season.
 - They have scored the most tries of any team in Kitakyushu, with 53 from two events played. This is four more than the next best team Canada.

- They have made the most visits to the opposition 22 with 99, 13 more than the next best team France, and have the highest success-rate at 89.9 per cent.
- They have been the most disciplined core team this season, conceding a competition-low 35 penalties at an average of 1.9 per game.
- New Zealand have conceded the least tries of any team in Kitakyushu from two events played with just 14, seven less than the next best team Australia (21).
- New Zealand had 11 different try-scorers in Sydney, the most of any team, and the second time this series after Dubai.
- They will be without three of their top four try-scorers this series with Michaela Blyde (20), Portia Woodman (10) and Gayle Broughton (nine) all absent.
 - With Kelly Brazier, Theresa Fitzpatrick and Katarina Whata-Simpkins also missing, the Black Ferns Sevens are without a combined 459 tries and 124 Women's Series tournaments worth of experience.
- Captain **Sarah Hirini** is the leading try-scorer in this squad with 10 this series, and is one of just five members who have played more than 11 events.
 - Last year, she made the joint-third most tackles of any player in Kitakyushu with 22.
 - She received the DHL Impact Player award in Kitakyushu in 2017.
- **Stacey Waaka** was named HSBC Player of the Final in Sydney, after a performance that saw her score two tries from two carries.
- **Tyla Nathan-Wong** was named HSBC Player of the Final in Kitakyushu last year, with a performance featuring one try, two line-breaks and four carries.
- **Ruby Tui** has made the most tackles of any player this series with 45.

Cup Titles (21)

SERIES	HOST CITY	DEFEATED IN FINAL
2019	Sydney	Australia (34-10)
2019	Dubai	Canada (26-14)
2019	Glendale	USA (33-7)
2018	Paris	Australia (33-7)
2018	Langford	Australia (46-0)
2018	Kitakyushu	France (24-12)
2016-17	Clermont	Australia (22-7)
2016-17	Langford	Canada (17-7)
2016-17	Kitakyushu	Canada (17-14)
2016-17	Las Vegas	Australia (28-5)
2016-17	Dubai	Australia (17-5)
2014-15	Langford	Russia (29-10)
2014-15	Atlanta	USA (50-12)
2014-15	Sao Paulo	Australia (17-10)
2014-15	Dubai	Australia (19-17)
2013-14	Amsterdam	Australia (29-12)
2013-14	Guangzhou	Australia (26-12)
2013-14	Atlanta	Canada (36-0)
2012-13	Amsterdam	Canada (33-24)
2012-13	Guangzhou	England (19-5)
2012-13	Dubai	South Africa (41-0)

RUSSIA TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
7th	5th	7th	-	-	-

- Russia have finished fifth in each of their past two HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens events, losing both Cup quarter-finals to the eventual runner-up.
- Russia have scored their most or joint-most tries in a season in Kitakyushu across their past two visits, with 19 in 2017 and 21 in 2018.
- Russia have not reached a Cup semi-final since Sydney last year. They have lost all three Cup quarter-finals this series.
- Russia have not topped their pool at a Women's Sevens Series event since Sydney in 2017, 13 tournaments ago.
- Russia have made the fifth most offloads of any team this series with 63, averaging 3.5 per game.
- Russia had the best tackle completion rate of any team in Sydney at 77.3 per cent. They defended the most of any team, with a tournament-high 102 tackles, 21 more than the next highest team, Australia.
- Russia will look to improve their strike-rate in front of goal, kicking just 20 conversions from their 49 attempts this series. Their 40.8 per cent success-rate is the lowest of any core team.
- Captain **Alena Mikhaltsova** has scored the most tries of any player at Mikuni World Stadium with 16 across the past two events.
 - She received the DHL Impact Player award in Kitakyushu last season after a performance which featured a tournament-high 11 tries, 14 line-breaks and 26 carries.
 - She scored five tries against England in their fifth place semi-final victory, becoming the fifth player, and first Russian, to achieve this feat.
 - She is leading the DHL Performance Tracker after Sydney, 12 points ahead of New Zealand's Michaela Blyde.
- **Kristina Seredina** made the most tackles of any player in Sydney with 17.
- **Baizat Khamidova** has been Russia's leading, or joint-leading try-scorer with three tries in each of their past two events this series.
 - She is one of four players alongside Alena Mikhaltsova, Anna Baranchuk and Daria Lushina to have played every game for Russia this season.
- **Elena Zdrokova** made a team-high four line-breaks in Sydney. She was Russia's leading try-scorer in Kitakyushu in 2017 with seven tries.

SPAIN TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
9th	10th	8th	-	-	-

- Spain finished fourth at the HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens last year, making just their second Cup semi-final appearance, and first since Dubai in 2012.
 - They have named eight returning players from last year's squad.
- Spain will look to improve their try-scoring rate after scoring a combined 16 tries across their past two tournaments, five less than they scored in Glendale (21).
 - They have only scored two or more tries in two of their past 10 matches, compared to three or more in three of their opening five games.
- Spain will meet Australia in Pool B, and will be looking to end their scoreless run against the two-time Series champions.
 - They have been held scoreless in their past three, and 10 of their past 13 games against Australia in all competitions dating back to Langford in 2016.
 - Their 17-14 victory in Kitakyushu in 2018 ended an 11-game Women's Series losing streak against Australia, and is one of just three wins they have recorded from 19 previous meetings.
- Spain will be looking to end their nine-game Women's Series losing streak against Canada dating back to the Cup quarter-finals in Sao Paulo in 2014.
 - Their only series victory against Canada came in the pool stages in Brazil five years ago, however they have tasted victory more recently, defeating Canada 26-14 at RWC Sevens 2018.
 - Barbara Pla, Patricia Garcia, Marina Bravo, and Elizabet Martinez are the only survivors in the current squad from their last Women's Series victory.
- In her 30th tournament, **Patricia Garcia** becomes Spain's most capped player.
 - She is Spain's all-time leading point scorer (551), and sixth overall on the Women's Sevens Series. She requires two more tries to become the first Spaniard to score 50 tries.
 - She was Spain's leading try-scorer in Sydney with four.
 - She made the joint-most carries of any player in Kitakyushu last year with 26 alongside Russia's Alena Mikhaltsova.
- In her debut series, **Lide Erbina** is Spain's leading try-scorer this season with eight.
- **Barbara Pla** was Spain's leading tackler in Sydney with 13.
- **Iera Echebarria** has made the most offloads for Spain this season with 11, including a team-high six in Sydney.

USA TEAM NOTES

2019 Series results by event					
Glendale	Dubai	Sydney	Kitakyushu	Langford	Biarritz
2nd	4th	3rd	-	-	-

- USA are still chasing their maiden HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title after finishing runner-up on five previous occasions.
 - The 2019 runners-up in Glendale will be looking to play more than one Cup final in the same season for the first time.
 - They are one of just two teams this series, alongside New Zealand, to reach the Cup semi-finals in all three events.
 - They have never reached the Cup semi-finals in Kitakyushu, one of just two active events on the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series alongside France.
- The Women's Eagles Sevens will be looking to top their pool for the first time since Las Vegas in 2017, 12 tournaments ago.
- USA finished ninth in Kitakyushu last year, their lowest placing of the season.
 - They failed to reach the Cup quarter-finals for the first time since Dubai in 2016, and just the sixth time in Women's Series history.
- USA will play their 200th Sevens Series match in their second pool game against Fiji, becoming the fifth team to reach this milestone.
- USA have been the most penalised team this series, conceding 69 at an average of 3.8 per game.
- USA will be looking to end a three-game losing streak against England dating back to Sydney last year. All three losses have been by five points or less, with both defeats this season in Glendale and Dubai by just two points.
- **Naya Tapper** has scored the second-most tries of any player at Mikuni World Stadium (13) behind Russia's Alena Mikhaltsova (16).
 - Her eight tries in 2017 were the joint-most of any player in the tournament, and her five tries last year were a team-high.
 - She became the USA's all-time leading try-scorer in Sydney, scoring two tries to surpass Victoria Folayan's record of 64.
- **Ilona Maher** has led much of USA's attack this series, scoring a team-high 10 tries and making 12 line-breaks.
- **Alev Kelter** made the joint-second most line-breaks of any player in Kitakyushu with seven last year.
- In her Women's Series debut, **Kristi Kirshe** was USA's best in attack in Sydney with a team-high five tries, six line-breaks and 22 carries.