

GLENDALE NOTES

- New Zealand have won the past two Cup titles at the HSBC USA Women's Sevens, defeating Australia 28-5 in Las Vegas in 2016-17, and USA 33-7 in Glendale last season.
 - They are looking to win three straight events in the same country for the second time after winning their third consecutive Cup title in Langford last season.
 - New Zealand have reached the Cup final at each of the past five HSBC USA Women's Sevens events, only failing to reach this stage at the inaugural tournament in Houston in 2012-13.
 - This is their joint-most Cup final appearances at any single event, equalling their five played in Dubai and Langford. No team has ever reached six straight Cup finals at the same event in Women's Series history.
 - They are currently on a 11-game winning streak on USA soil dating back to their opening pool match in Las Vegas in 2017. Their last defeat came against Australia in the Cup final in Atlanta in 2016.
- New Zealand won their fifth HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series title last season. Only once has the defending Women's Series champion won the opening event of the following season, with New Zealand claiming the title in 2013-14 and then winning the first event of the 2014-15 season in Dubai.
- New Zealand hold the record for most tries in a single Women's Series event in the USA, scoring 38 in Atlanta in 2014-15. They were also the top try-scoring team in Glendale last season with 31 tries.
- There were 218 tries scored in Glendale last year, the most at any single event in Women's Series history.
- USA will be looking to win their first title on home soil. Only one team in Women's Series history has achieved this, with Australia winning the HSBC Sydney Sevens in 2018.
- New Zealand's **Portia Woodman** was the leading try-scorer in Glendale last season with 10 tries, and was the only player on the 2019 Series to score a double-digit total at a single event.
- New Zealand's **Portia Woodman** and Australia's **Emma Sykes** were the leading point-scorers in Glendale last season with 50.

Past champions in USA

SERIES	LOCATION	CUP WINNER	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL
2019	Glendale	New Zealand	USA (33-7)
2016-17	Las Vegas	New Zealand	Australia (28-5)
2015-16	Atlanta	Australia	New Zealand (24-19)
2014-15	Atlanta	New Zealand	USA (50-12)
2013-14	Atlanta	New Zealand	Canada (36-0)
2012-13	Houston	England	USA (29-12)

KEY TEAM STATS

- **Australia** played two Cup finals last season, finishing second in Sydney and Langford. They have not won a Cup title since Sydney in 2018, 10 tournaments ago. This is the longest period in Women's Series history that Australia have gone without winning a Cup final.
 - They finished fourth on the series standings in 2019, the first time since 2012-13 they ended a season outside the top three.
 - They scored the second most tries of any team last season with 145, their most in a single series since 2014-15.
 - Langford was the only event last season where Australia finished as the leading try-scoring team, scoring a tournament-high 29 tries.
 - They have won the opening event of the series in three of the past six seasons, all in Dubai and all in alternate years.
 - They had the best restart retention rate of any core team last season with 25 per cent.
 - They are the only team to have won the HSBC USA Women's Sevens without topping their pool, claiming the 2015-16 Cup title despite finishing second behind England in Pool A.
- **Brazil** return to the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series as a core team for the first time since 2016-17.
 - This will be their first appearance in Glendale, having not participated at the HSBC USA Women's Sevens since 2016-17 in Las Vegas, and will make their fifth appearance overall since 2012-13.
 - They were the invitational team in Langford last season, and despite not winning a match still managed to score at least one try in all five games played.
 - They won their last series match on USA soil 41-0 against Argentina in the 11th-place play-off in Las Vegas, and will meet the host nation for the first time since Dubai in 2016 in their opening game.
 - They have only won one of their 12 pool games overall at the HSBC USA Women's Sevens, defeating China 17-7 in Atlanta in 2015.
- **Canada** were one three teams to win a Cup title last season, claiming their fourth event win overall, and first in Japan at the HSBC Kitakyushu Sevens.
 - They played two Cup finals in 2019, also finishing second in Dubai. This was the first time since 2016-17 they reached this stage of a tournament on multiple occasions in a single season.
 - They scored the third most tries of any team last season with 122, while conceding the second least tries of any team with 76.
 - Canada's only Cup final appearance at the HSBC USA Women's Sevens was in 2013-14 in Atlanta, losing 36-0 to New Zealand.

- **England** won the inaugural HSBC USA Women's Sevens in Houston in 2012-13, in what is still their only Cup final appearance on USA soil.
 - They finished second in Kitakyushu last season, making their first Cup final appearance in 15 tournaments dating back to 2015-16.
 - They scored 101 tries last season, their most since 2014-15 (110 tries).
- **Fiji** secured their place on the Women's Series in 2020 as a core team with victory in their final game in Biarritz.
 - Their best attacking performance came in Kitakyushu where they scored a team-high 17 tries.
 - After not playing a Cup quarter-final in 2019, they will be chasing their first appearance in the Cup knockout stages since Paris in 2018.
 - They averaged the most offloads of any core team in 2019 (5.5 per game).
- **France** set a new team record for most tries in a season by scoring 117, including matching their best effort of 24 tries at a single event at the HSBC Sydney Sevens.
 - They made their first Cup semi-final appearance on USA soil in Glendale last year, finishing fourth after losing the bronze final 28-0 to Canada.
- **Ireland** played their first Cup semi-final in Women's Series history last season, finishing fourth overall after losing the bronze final to USA 26-10 in Sydney.
 - They scored 20 tries in Glendale last year, their most in a single tournament in Women's Series history, and finished the season with 90 tries, 30 more than their previous best of 60 tries in 2017-18.
- **Japan** are the invitational team in Glendale, and will make their first appearance at the HSBC USA Women's Sevens since Atlanta in 2015-16.
 - They reached the Cup quarter-finals in Atlanta in 2014-15 after winning two of their three pool matches against Brazil and Spain.
 - They have been outscored 129-12 across their past three meetings against Pool A opponents New Zealand, including a 43-0 loss in Kitakyushu last season.
- **New Zealand** won four of the six events last season, including the opening three tournaments for only the second time in Women's Series history.
 - They reached the Cup final in five of six events, only failing to medal in Kitakyushu after losing their Cup quarter-final against USA (26-19).
 - They scored the most tries of any team last season with 167, two short of their Women's Series record of 169 tries set in 2014-15.
 - Their 31 tries in Glendale were the most of any team at a single event in 2019, and they were the leading try-scoring team in four of the six events last season.
 - They topped their pool in five of the six events last season, the most of any team.

- They were the best defensive side last season conceding the least tries of any core team (56), including the least at a single event with only six in Sydney. This was primarily built off a tackle completion rate of 81 per cent, the best in the competition. Kitakyushu was the only tournament where they conceded more than 10 tries last season (16 tries).
- They are four points away from becoming the first team to score 1,000 Women's Series points at the HSBC USA Women's Sevens.
- They need 22 tries to become the first team in Women's' Series history to score 1,000 tries. They average 26 tries per tournament on USA soil.
- **Russia** scored the second most tries of any team in Glendale last season with 27, which still is their most at any tournament in their history.
 - They were they only other team apart from New Zealand to concede less than 10 tries in a single tournament in 2019, conceding nine in Sydney in their best defensive performance of the season.
 - They will look to improve their restart retention success this season after averaging 4.7 per cent per game, the least of any core team in 2019.
- **Spain** passed the ball the least of any core team last season, averaging 25.7 per game.
 - They produced their best performance of the season in Biarritz, reaching their first Cup semi-final in over a year, and only their third overall.
 - Their 73 tries scored in 2019 were a season record for Spain, averaging more than 10 per tournament for the first time since 2013-14.
- **USA** produced their best season in Women's Series history, winning their inaugural series event in Biarritz after finishing runner-up in five previous Cup finals, and finishing second on the series standings.
 - It was the first time they had played multiple Cup finals in the same season after also finishing runners-up in Glendale.
 - They have reached the Cup semi-final at their home tournament in the past two, and three of the six events overall. They were the only team in 2019 to play a Cup semi-final at all six events.
 - They have played three Cup finals on home soil, 2012-13 in Houston, 2014-15 in Atlanta, and last year in Glendale but are yet to win the event.
 - In a much-improved attacking performance they became the top try-scoring team at a single event for the first time in their history, scoring a tournament-high 27 tries in Kitakyushu.
 - They scored 115 tries in 2019, only four less than their season-best of 119 tries in 2014-15. Their 27-try haul in Kitakyushu equalled their highest total at a single event set in Amsterdam in 2013-14.
 - They produced the most half-time comebacks of any team last season, winning four games when trailing at the break.
 - In his first season in charge, **Chris Brown** was named Capgemini Coach of the Series.

KEY PLAYER STATS

- Ireland's **Amee-Leigh Murphy Crowe** became the first player from the northern hemisphere to win the Gilbert Top Try Scorer award in 2019.
 - She scored a series-high 35 tries, including finishing two tournaments as the leading or joint-leading try-scorer (Sydney and Langford).
 - She scored the joint most hat-tricks of any player last season alongside New Zealand's **Michaela Blyde** with four.
 - She made the most line-breaks of any player last season with 37.
- New Zealand's **Sarah Hirini** and **Ruby Tui** have both been nominated for the World Rugby Women's Sevens Player of the Year award.
 - **Sarah Hirini** became the first player to play 200 Women's Series games, and captained the Black Ferns Sevens to all four of their Cup titles in 2019.
 - **Ruby Tui** and **Sarah Hirini** were the only two Black Ferns Sevens players to play all 36 of their matches last season. They made a joint competition-high 79 tackles alongside Canada's Brittany Benn.
- Canada's **Caroline Crossley** and **Kayla Moleschi** played all 36 of their matches last season.
- Canada's **Julia Greenshields** needs three more tries to reach 50 Series tries.
- Canada's **Bianca Farella** was the second leading try-scorer last season with 34 tries, including the most doubles (eight) of any player.
- USA's **Naya Tapper** was the only Women's Eagles Sevens player to play all 36 of their matches last season, and was their leading try-scorer with 18 tries.
- France's **Anne-Cécile Ciofani** set a new French record in 2019 for most tries in a season with 21.
- In her 30th tournament, **Marjorie Mayans** will equal Fanny Horta as France's most capped player.
- **Bianca Silva** was Brazil's leading try-scorer in their only series appearance in Langford last season, scoring four of the team's six tries.
- Russia's **Alena Mikhaltsova** topped the DHL Performance Tracker in 2019, and won the DHL Impact Player award in Glendale last year with an impressive performance that featured nine line-breaks, seven offloads, and a tournament-high 31 carries.
 - She made the joint-most offloads of any player last season (26) alongside Fiji's **Asinate Savu**.
- England's **Holly Aitchison** was the most successful goal-kicker of any player with more than 20 attempts last season, converting 72 per cent of her kicks.
- Australia's **Ellia Green** scored the second most doubles of any player in 2019 with six, and was their leading try-scorer in three of the six events overall.