

SYDNEY NOTES

- The HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series returns to Sydney for the first time in 1,092 days (2nd February, 2020).
 - The tournament returns to Allianz Stadium, after the last two editions were played at Homebush in 2019 and Parramatta in 2020.
 - The record in Sydney for most combined tournament tries is 451, shared in 2018 and 2019.
- Only three teams have won a Women's Series event on home soil, with Australia in Sydney in 2018, USA in Glendale on the 2020 Series, and the Black Ferns Sevens twice in Hamilton.
 - Australia won their 2018 Cup title in Sydney without conceding a single point, the only time this has happened in Sevens Series history.
- After three events this season, New Zealand hold a four-point lead at the top of the Women's Series standings. Only once has the team ranked first after the opening three events gone on to lose the season title.
 - Australia were ranked first after São Paulo in 2013-14, level on competition points with New Zealand, but went on to finish second that season.
- Only three teams have medalled this season, with New Zealand, Australia and USA all standing on the podium.
- Australia hold the tournament record for most tries at a single event in Sydney with 35 in 2018.
- New Zealand's **Portia Woodman** holds the individual try scoring record in Sydney with 13 at Allianz Stadium in 2018.

Past champions in Sydney

SERIES	LOCATION	CUP WINNER	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL	MARGIN
2020	Bankwest Stadium	New Zealand	Canada (33-7)	26
2019	Spotless Stadium	New Zealand	Australia (34-10)	24
2018	Allianz Stadium	Australia	New Zealand (31-0)	31
2016-17	Allianz Stadium/ Kippax Field	Canada	USA (21-17)	4

KEY TEAM STATS

- **Australia** has only reached the Cup final on two occasions from four tournaments as host nation, winning the Cup title in 2018, and silver in 2019.
 - Their victory in 2018 was the first by any host nation in Women's Series history.
 - Australia have won 16 of their 18 games played this season, with their only two losses coming against New Zealand in the Cup final in Cape Town (26-14), and USA in last weekend's Cup semi-finals (10-7) in Hamilton.
 - They are the top try-scoring team this season with 92, including in Dubai and Cape Town, however last weekend was the first time this season they did not score more than 30 at a single event, with 28 in Hamilton, the second-most.
 - Sixty-five per cent of their tries scored this season have been directly assisted by a team-mate, the highest ratio of any team.
 - They average the joint-most line-breaks (5.1) and second-most visits to the opposition 22 (5.3) of any team this season.
 - They have only failed to score on three visits to the opposition-22 this season, enjoying season-high 97 per cent success-rate in the attacking zone. They were the only team to score in every visit in Hamilton.
 - They enjoy the equal-best line-break per carry ratio, averaging one every 4.1 carries alongside New Zealand. However this ratio has crept up across each tournament, from 3.8 in Dubai, to four in Cape Town, and 4.4 in Hamilton.
 - Forty-two of their 92 tries have originated from quick-tap possession (46 per cent), the third-highest ratio of any team.
 - Their defence is conceding just 8.3 tries per event this season, the least of any team. They have restricted their opposition to 12 points or less in 13 of their 18 games this season.
 - They have held their opposition scoreless in seven of their 12 pool games in Sydney since 2017.
- Australia is enjoying lengthy winning streaks against all three of their Pool C opponents this weekend.
 - They have won all 15 Women's Series matches against Brazil by an average margin of 27 points. They outscored Brazil 73-12 combined across both meetings last season.
 - They are currently enjoying an 11-game Women's Series winning streak against Spain dating back to the start of the 2020 Series. They have kept Spain scoreless in seven of these 11 games, and have not conceded more than one try in a match since their Cup quarter-final loss in Biarritz in 2019.
 - They are currently on a 22-game winning streak against Ireland dating back to Guangzhou in 2014. This is only the second time they have been drawn in the same pool as Ireland since their Cup final meeting in Seville, with four of the past five games Cup semi-finals or medal matches.

- **Brazil** are unmoved in 11th on the Women's Series standings despite finishing ninth in Cape Town and 10th last weekend in Hamilton. They have earned the same amount of Series points across the last two events as ninth ranked Spain, but a last place result in Dubai sees them remain in the relegation zone.
 - They lost all four games in Sydney in 2020, with their last win here coming in the Challenge Trophy final in 2017.
 - They have found some recent form, winning four of their past seven games, after losing their first eight to start the season.
 - Their defence has conceded a season-high 64 tries this season, but have shown improvement with just 18 across their past two events following a tournament-high 28 in Dubai.
 - They are conceding 21.3 tries per tournament this season, nearly five more than last season's average of 16.8 per event.
 - The second half has been an issue, conceding on average 15.7 points per game in this half compared to 11.5 per game in the opening seven minutes.
 - They produced their best try-scoring effort of the season last weekend with 16 in Hamilton, only one less than their combined total across Dubai and Cape Town (17).
 - After just 29 per cent of their tries were directly assisted by a team-mate in Dubai, this increased dramatically to an average ratio of 62 per cent across the past two events.
 - They will look to improve their accuracy in front of goal, kicking just 46 per cent of their conversion attempts this season, the second-lowest of any team.
 - In their first meeting of the 2023 Series, Brazil will look to start strongly against Australia after being outscored 40-5 in the first half across both games combined last season.
 - They only held Australia to less than 19 points in half once last season, conceding 14 in the second-half of their 35-7 loss in Dubai.
 - Brazil will look to end an 11-game Series losing streak against Ireland dating back to Kitakyushu in 2017. Their 28-5 loss last weekend saw Brazil concede 14 unanswered points in the second-half after trailing by just nine at the break.
 - This will be the third time in Brazil's past six matches that they have played Spain after meeting in the pool rounds and ninth-place play-off last weekend.
 - They have won three of the past five since the start of last season by an average margin of 15 points, while both losses have been by a converted try or less.
- **Canada** holds a narrow four point lead ahead of Brazil in the fight to avoid relegation. Their 11th-place result in Hamilton was their lowest of the season after finishing ninth or better across the opening two rounds.
 - After conceding 24 tries in Cape Town, their defence only allowed 12 last weekend in Hamilton, completing a tournament-high 79 per cent of their tackles.
 - They will look to spend more time in the opposition-22, only making 46 entries this season, the third-lowest of any core team.

- Their attack is averaging the second-most carries of any team this season with 24.8 per game, but their line-break per carry ratio is 8.6, the fourth-highest of any core team.
- They are averaging the most offloads of any core team this season with 6.9 per game, with 45 per cent of them resulting in a try assist.
- They have shown good variety in their try scoring sources, with 50 per cent originating from structured play (set-piece and restarts), and 50 per cent from unstructured possessions (steals and quick taps).
- Canada are still chasing their first win against their North American rivals USA this season after winning two of five games played on the 2022 Series.
 - They have not scored more than one try against USA this season, with a 12-7 loss in Dubai and 24-7 loss in Cape Town.
- After playing Great Britain twice at Rio 2016, they have only met on the Women's Series once, in Dubai last season. Canada's only win across these three games came in the bronze medal match at Rio 2016.
- Canada won just one of their five games against Fiji in 2022 across the Women's Series, Commonwealth Games and Rugby World Cup Sevens combined, with a seven-point victory in Langford.
 - This will be the fourth consecutive HSBC Sydney 7s where they have been drawn in the same pool, with Canada winning all three previous games.
- After medalling three of their four Women's Series events last season, **Fiji** are still chasing their first top four finish this season. They have finished fifth, seventh and eighth respectively across the opening three events.
 - They lost their last three games in Hamilton, and will be looking to avoid four consecutive defeats for the first time since Glendale on the 2020 Series.
 - They have finished fifth in Sydney twice, 2017 and 2020, also reaching the Challenge Trophy final in 2018 and 2019.
 - They will look to improve their try-scoring rate after crossing just 13 times in Hamilton, their lowest tournament total at any event since Sydney in 2020.
 - After averaging 22.3 tries between Langford last season and Dubai this season, their tournament average has dropped to 15.5 since Cape Town.
 - Their main try scoring source this season has been the restart, with 18 of their 52 tries (35 per cent) originating from this possession.
 - They enjoyed the best strike rate of 1.3 tries per ruck, and have left the opposition 22 on just nine occasions without scoring, enjoying a success rate of 85 per cent, the third-highest of any team.
 - However, they were only able to enter the opposition 22 on 16 occasions in Hamilton, the fourth-lowest of any team.
 - Only 40 per cent of their tries this season have been directly assisted by a team-mate, with 48 per cent of these assists coming via offloads.
 - They are averaging the second-most offloads per game this season with 6.9.

- They have the third-best line-break to carry ratio of any team this season, averaging one line-break every 6.1 carries.
- They are one win away from 100 Women's Series victories.
- They will look to improve their discipline after conceding the joint-most penalties of any team last weekend with 24 alongside France.
 - They have earned a season-high eight yellow cards, with five of them coming last round.
- They made more kicks in play (eight) last weekend, than their season total prior to the tournament (six). They enjoyed a 100 per cent retention rate when putting boot to ball across Dubai and Cape Town, but dropped to just 25 per cent in Hamilton.
- Fiji and Great Britain have played each other twice at each of the past two tournaments, in the pool rounds and the fifth-place semi-final.
 - Fiji have trailed at half-time in each of their past three games, only coming back from behind to win once, in the pool stage in Hamilton.
 - All four meetings this season have been low scoring affairs, with neither team able to score more than 19 points in a game.
- Fiji and USA meet in the pool rounds for the first time this season with both previous fixtures coming the Cup quarter-finals in Cape Town and Hamilton.
 - Fiji are yet to score more than one try against USA this season, and have been held scoreless in the first-half of both games.
- Fiji have scored 24 points or more in their past three victories against Canada across the Commonwealth Games, Women's Series and RWC Sevens, posting a combined score-line of 103-19 in this period.
 - They have never scored more than 14 points against Canada in Sydney, restricted to just two tries in each of their three losses.
- **France** are still chasing their first medal of the 2023 Series after winning bronze across both rounds in Dubai last season.
 - They finished fourth in Sydney in 2020, losing the bronze final against Australia.
 - They have been the most ill-disciplined team this season, conceding a 4.2 penalties per game. They received six cards in total last weekend (five yellow and one red), one more than their total from six events on the 2022 Series.
 - They scored just 15 tries in Hamilton, their least at a single tournament since Langford in 2019 (14 tries), 15 tournaments ago.
 - Their line-break per carry ratio increased from 6.4 prior to Hamilton to 8.6 last weekend as their attack struggled to penetrate with six on the field.
 - Only 34 per cent of their tries scored this season have been assisted by a team-mate, the lowest ratio of any core team.
 - They were forced to defend for much of last weekend, making a tournament-high 117 tackles, but still achieving a completion-rate of 79 per cent.

- France suffered their first ever Series loss against Japan last weekend, 19-12 in the fifth-place semi-final, held to their lowest ever score in this fixture.
- France will look to end a four-game Series losing streak against New Zealand dating back to Hamilton in 2020.
 - The margin at half-time has been tight across their past six meetings since the start of the 2020 Series, never stretching beyond seven points at the break. However, five of New Zealand's victories in this period have been by 12 points or more at full-time.
- France have won all three previous Series matches against Papua New Guinea in Sydney, holding them scoreless in their past two victories since 2018.
- **Great Britain** will play in Australia for the first time after appearing in three Women's Series events in Dubai, one in Cape Town, one in New Zealand, two Fast Four tournaments in Canada in 2021 and at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020.
 - They finished fifth in Hamilton, their best result since their debut in Dubai on the 2022 Series, despite scoring just 12 tries, their lowest tournament total.
 - They were restricted to two tries or less in five of their six games, while also recording a 36-0 victory over Papua New Guinea, their largest winning margin in their short history.
 - They made 23 visits to the opposition 22 in Hamilton, the fourth-most of any team, but were able to convert just 52 per cent of them into tries, the second-lowest success-rate.
 - Their strike-rate of one try every 7.6 tries was the second-lowest of any team, while their line-break per carry ratio was 9.1, the joint-third highest.
 - Only 35 per cent of their tries scored this season have been directly assisted by a team-mate, the second-lowest percentage of any core team.
 - Thirteen of their 15 assists have all been from passes, with just two coming from offloads despite averaging 3.6 per game this season.
 - Their defence showed huge improvement last weekend, conceding just 15 tries, a 30 per cent decrease on their tournament total of 21 in Cape Town.
 - Their tackle completion improved from 68 per cent in Cape Town to 73 per cent in Hamilton, restricting their opposition to 10 or less points in three of six games played.
 - Three of their four games this season against Fiji have been decided by a single figure margin. Great Britain have led at half-time in the past three games, but squandered their lead in Hamilton last weekend to lose by five points.
 - Great Britain won their only Series meeting against Canada 24-7 in Dubai last season, which is still their third-biggest winning margin against any core team.
 - After winning their quarter-final 21-12 against USA at Tokyo 2020, Great Britain lost their only Women's Series meeting 40-17 in Dubai last season.
 - They will look to start strongly after conceding three unanswered tries in the first-half, and four-straight before finally getting on the scoreboard two minutes into the second-half at The Sevens Stadium.

- **Ireland** are currently fourth on the Women's Series standings and are looking to qualify for the Olympic Games for the first time. They finished third at the 2016 Olympic Repechage, and were knocked out in the quarter-finals of the European qualifying event for Tokyo 2020.
 - They are still chasing their first medal of the season after losing the last two bronze finals in Cape Town and Hamilton.
 - They have only lost one of their 11 games this season against opposition ranked lower than them on the standings, against Fiji in Dubai. However, they are yet to defeat any of the three teams ranked above them, losing all seven games combined against USA, Australia and New Zealand.
 - They have scored 48 tries this season, the sixth-most of any team and less than two teams who are ranked below them, France (56) and Fiji (52).
 - Their main try source this season has been set-piece, scoring the second-most tries of any team from this possession origin (19), representing 40 per cent of their total scored.
 - They enjoy the highest restart retention success of any team this season with 32 per cent. However just nine of their 48 tries have originated from this source.
 - After earning five yellow cards across the first two rounds, they were one of just three teams in Hamilton to did not receive one.
 - Their discipline improved in Hamilton, averaging just 2.2 penalties per game compared to 4.2 per game across the first two rounds.
 - They have made the most kicks in play of any team this season with 27, eight more than the next most (Great Britain with 19).
 - Ireland are currently enjoying a five-game Series winning streak against Spain dating back to the start of last season by an average margin of 19 points.
 - They are chasing six-straight wins in this fixture for the first time.
 - Ireland are currently enjoying a 11-game Series winning streak against Brazil dating back to the Challenge Trophy semi-finals in Kitakyushu in 2017.
 - They have restricted Brazil to one try or less in seven of these 11 wins.
 - Ireland will look to start strongly against Australia after being outscored 29-5 in the first-half across their two games combined this season.
 - They have not restricted Australia to only one first-half try since their Cup final meetings in Seville last season.
- **Japan** returns to Australia for only the third time in their history after playing in Sydney in 2018 and 2020.
 - They produced their best ever result at a Women's Series event last weekend, finishing sixth in Hamilton.
 - They won two games at a single tournament for the first time since Langford in 2018, and ended a 27-game losing streak in the pool rounds with a come-from-behind victory against Canada.
 - They scored 14 tries in Hamilton, their most at a Series event since 2018.

- Twenty of their 36 tries this season have originated from quick-tap possession, representing 55 per cent of their total scored.
- They have two of their past five games when trailing at half-time after failing to record a win from their previous 23 games when behind at the break.
- They will look to improve their efficiency in the opposition 22, only scoring from 70 per cent of their visits last weekend, and just 64 per cent overall this season.
 - They made 20 visits to the opposition 22 last week, their most in a single tournament this season.
- They enjoyed plenty of possession in Hamilton, making the equal-third most carries of any team with 155. However, their attack struggled to penetrate the opposition defence, averaging a line-break every 9.1 carries, the third-lowest ratio of any team.
- They are averaging the second-least offloads per game of any core team with 3.7. Only two of their 15 try assists this season have come via the offload, with the remaining 13 all passes.
- Japan recorded their first Women's Series victory against France last weekend, ending a 10-game losing run.
 - They made just one error from 39 passes, capitalizing on French ill-discipline which saw them earn six penalties, and score in all three visits to the opposition 22.
- Japan has not played Papua New Guinea at any World Rugby Sevens event since Sydney in 2018, winning 41-5 at Allianz Stadium, in what is still their third-biggest winning margin (36 points) in Women's Series history.
- In a replay of last weekend's Cup quarter-final, Japan scored two tries against New Zealand for the first time in seven games against them. They were one of only two teams to score against the Black Ferns Sevens in Hamilton.
- **New Zealand** are chasing their third consecutive Cup title in Sydney, looking to record a three-peat at the same event for only the second time in their history after also winning three-straight Cup finals in Langford between 2017-19.
 - Australia in Dubai between 2022-23 are the only other team to have won three consecutive events at the same location.
 - They have been the top try-scoring team in Sydney at the past two, and three of four events here overall, sharing the honours with Canada in 2017.
 - They claimed their 29th Cup title in Hamilton last round, and are looking to win three consecutive events for the first time since claiming four-straight Cup titles on the 2020 Series between Dubai and Sydney.
 - They have made all five Cup finals since returning to the Series in Langford last season, and at each of the past nine Women's Series events they have played.
 - Their record is 11-straight Cup finals between Guangzhou in 2013 and Langford in 2015.
 - They have won 17 of 18 matches this season, with their only loss coming in the Cup final in Dubai against Australia.

- They are currently on an 11-game winning streak in Sydney with their last loss coming in the Cup final in 2018.
- They have only trailed at half-time twice this season from 18 games played, and on both occasions by just two points.
 - They went to lose the Cup final in Dubai against Australia, but came from behind to defeat Fiji in their pool game in Cape Town.
- Their defence has conceded the fewest tries of any team this season (22), with only Australia in Dubai and Fiji in Cape Town able to score three or more against them in a single game.
 - They enjoy the best tackle completion-rate (83 per cent), have made the most steals (19), and missed the fewest tackles per game (2.9) of any team this season.
 - They have kept their opposition scoreless in the first half of 11 of their 18 games this season.
 - They conceded just six tries in Sydney in 2020, the fewest of any team.
- Their attack has scored the second-most tries of any team this season with 90, averaging five per game.
- They have scored the most tries of any team from set piece (23), representing the highest percentage (26) of any of their possession sources this season.
- Only 43 per cent of their tries scored this season have been directly assisted by a team-mate with 57 per cent scored via solo efforts on attack.
 - **Michaela Blyde** is their top try-scorer this season with 26, but only 46 per cent of them have been assisted by a team-mate.
- They are unbeaten in their past 24 Women's Series pool matches with 21 wins and one draw since Cape Town on the 2020 Series.
 - Pool A opponents France are the last team to defeat them in the pool rounds at any Women's Series event.
- They are unbeaten against two of their three Pool A opponents on the Women's Series, enjoying an average winning margin of 40 points against Papua New Guinea and 35 points against Japan.
- **Papua New Guinea** have made three of their four appearances on the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series in Sydney, and return for the first time since 2019.
 - They have never won a Women's Series match, losing all 20 previously played.
 - They have been held to five points or less in 17 of their 20 games played, only reaching a double-figure score-line against France, England and Spain on the 2016-17 Series.
 - They scored just two tries in their last appearance in Sydney in 2019, one against both Pool A opponents this weekend in Japan and New Zealand.
 - They have three survivors returning from their last appearance in Sydney in 2019 with **Fatima Rama**, **Kymalie Rapilla** and captain **Helen Abau** named, while three other players return after longer gaps between tournaments here.

- Both tries last weekend came in the placing rounds, against Brazil in the nine-place semi-final and Canada in the 11th-place play-off. They will be chasing their first try in the pool rounds since 2019 against England.
- Both tries last weekend were solo efforts on attack, with no assist from a teammate. Both were scored in the second-half, with Papua New Guinea looking to build on this momentum with a stronger first-half performance.
 - Their attack made five visits to the opposition 22 last weekend, averaging one per game.
 - They made five line-breaks from 92 carries, averaging one every 18.4 carries.
 - One try originated from the restart, while the other was scored from an opposition turnover.
 - They made the second-most offloads of any team last weekend with 38.
- They will look to improve their discipline this weekend after conceding 21 penalties, the third-most of any team, and five yellow cards, the joint-most.
- **Spain** have earned just seven total points across their past two tournaments after earning eight with a seventh-place finish in Dubai. They currently sit seven points clear of the relegation zone.
 - They come into this event on a two-game winning streak. They have won back-to-back on three occasions this season, in Dubai, Cape Town and Hamilton, something they were only able to achieve once in six events in 2022.
 - They have not won three-straight games since Glendale and Dubai on the 2020 Series.
 - They have scored 32 tries this season, and are averaging 10.7 per event, two more than the 2022 Series.
 - Nearly half of their tries scored this season (47 per cent) have originated from the quick-tap.
 - They only failed to score in one visit to the opposition 22 last weekend, enjoying a success-rate of 91 per cent from their 11 visits.
 - They are averaging the most carries per game of any team with 25.1, but are struggling to penetrate, averaging the fewest line-breaks (2.4) of any core team. Their line-break to carry ratio is also the highest of any core team at 10.3.
 - Spain haven't tasted victory against Ireland since Sydney in 2020. They have been outscored by an average of 27-9 across their past five losses since then.
 - Spain have struggled to score points against Australia since their last victory in Biarritz in 2019, held scoreless in seven of their 11 losses, while crossing just once in the other five games.
 - Spain scored 17 points in both games against Brazil in Hamilton, with one win and one loss. Since the start of last season, both victories against Brazil have been narrow, by seven points or less, while all three losses have been by 12 points or more.

- **USA** have medalled across each of the opening three events this season with bronze in Dubai and Cape Town, and silver last weekend.
 - They have not earned four or more medals in one season since 2019, with three bronzes, one silver and one gold.
 - They medalled twice in Sydney, winning silver in 2017 and bronze in 2019.
 - Despite being one of only three teams to stand on the podium this season, they have only scored the fifth-most tries of any core team with 50.
 - They scored 23 tries in Hamilton, their most in a Series event since Dubai on the 2020 Series, 13 tournaments ago.
 - They have scored 72 per cent of their tries this season from structured possessions (set-piece and restarts), with just 18 per cent from quick taps and steals combined.
 - They are patient in possession, averaging one line-break every 7.7 carries and one try every 4.8 rucks, the highest ratio of any of the top five highest scoring teams.
 - They will look to improve their accuracy in front of goal, kicking just 40 per cent of their conversion attempts, the lowest success-rate of any team this season.
 - They were the most disciplined team in Hamilton, conceding a tournament-low eight penalties.
 - On defence, they conceded just 10 tries in Hamilton, the third-fewest of any team, and their least in a single tournament since Seville last season.
 - In a replay of the 2017 Cup final in Sydney, USA are still chasing their first win against Canada on Aussie soil.
 - The winning score in both previous meetings in Australia has been 21 points by Canada.
 - USA are currently enjoying a four-game winning streak against Canada when they meet in the pool stages, with their only two losses since the start of last season coming in placing matches in Langford and Toulouse.
 - USA have started strongly in both games against Fiji this season, outscoring them by a combined total of 20-0 in this period.
 - The team leading at half-time has won every game in this fixture since the start of 2019.
 - This will be the first time since Dubai last season that USA and Great Britain have met on the Women's Series.
 - USA raced out to a 28-0 lead, before Great Britain won the second-half 17-12 in a high scoring match that saw a total of nine tries and 57 points scored.

KEY PLAYER STATS

- 2022 Rookie of the Year **Maddison Levi** is the season's joint-leading try-scorer with 26, and one of just two players to score a hat-trick on the 2023 Series.
 - Fifty-eight per cent of her tries have been directly assisted by a team-mate, with Dominique du Toit providing the most with four.
 - She has scored the second-most doubles of any player this season with six.
 - No Australian has ever finished their home tournament as the top try-scorer.
- Co-captain **Charlotte Caslick** is the season's top tackler with 48. She trails Ellia Green's Australian try-scoring record on home soil by just six.
- **Thalia da Silva Costa** needs one more try to become the first Brazilian to score 50 on the Women's Series.
- **Bianca Farella** and **Pamphinette Buisa** are Canada's only survivors from their silver medal winning squad in Sydney in 2020.
- Fiji's **Lavena Cavuru** has been the most accurate goal kicker this season from 10 or more attempts, kicking 81 per cent of her conversions.
- Great Britain's captain **Megan Jones** has made the most kicks in play this season (15), but is yet to provide a try assist from the boot, with seven from passes and one offload.
- **Eve Higgins** requires two more tries to become just the second Irish player after Amee-Leigh Murphy Crowe to score 50 on the Women's Series.
- Ireland's captain **Lucy Mulhall** and **Amee Leigh Murphy Crowe** are the best assist/try combination of the season, with Mulhall setting up Murphy Crowe eight times.
 - Mulhall has made the joint-most try assists of any player this season with 13 alongside Australia's Charlotte Caslick.
 - Murphy Crowe was the top try-scorer in Sydney in 2019 with nine.
- New Zealand have nine survivors in their squad from the team who lifted the Cup trophy in Hamilton three years ago. **Niall Guthrie, Shiray Kaka, Michaela Blyde, Alena Saili, Risi Jazmin Felix-Hotham, Stacey Fluhler, Tyla Nathan-Wong, Theresa Fitzpatrick** and captain **Sarah Hirini** all return to defend their title.
 - **Stacey Fluhler** was the tournament's top try-scorer in 2020 with six.
 - **Portia Woodman-Wickliffe** returns to Sydney for the first time since 2018, scoring 13 tries in six games that year, including two hat-tricks and four against Pool A opponents Japan. The only match she failed to score a try in that year was the Cup final against Australia.
- **Tyla Nathan-Wong** was named HSBC Player of the Final in Sydney in 2020. She has made the most try assists for New Zealand this season with 10.
- **Michaela Blyde** is the joint-top try-scorer this season with 26. She has made the most line-breaks of any player this season with 27, averaging one every 2.2 carries.
- **Alice Alois** generated much of Papua New Guinea's attack last weekend, making their second-most carries (10), one line-break, and scoring one of their two tries. This was her first Women's Series try since Sydney in 2017.
- **Ilona Maher** has led much of USA's attack with a season-high 80 carries, the joint-most of any player, and the third-most offloads (10) for the Women's Eagle Sevens.
- USA's **Kristi Kirshe** has turned try provider this season with a team-high seven assists, including three each for Cheta Emba and Sammy Sullivan. Five of them have come via offloads, the most by any player.