



**INTERNATIONAL RUGBY BOARD**

# PNC MATCH PREVIEW

TONGA



FIJI

Saturday 23th June 2012, KO: 15:40  
Churchill Park, Lautoka

## Headlines

- Although the Pacific Nations Cup title has already been won by Samoa, there's plenty to play for in the meeting of Tonga and Fiji. A win for Tonga could see them wrest Scotland's tenth place in the IRB rankings from them if they lose against Samoa.
- Both sides have elected to field inexperienced teams for this Pacific Nations Cup clash. Ten of the Fiji first XV have less than ten caps while nine players in Tonga's starting line-up have less than ten caps. Tonga have 142 caps between them in total compared to Fiji's 125.
- Fiji need to score another 13 points to reach the 1,600 milestone against Tonga in all competitions. Tonga need another 14 points to reach the 1,100 milestone against Fiji.

## Head to Head

- This will be the 85th meeting between Tonga and Fiji in all competitions. Fiji have been the dominant side for the majority of the time, winning 55 of those 84 matches while Tonga have won 26. There have been three draws.
- Fiji have scored 1,587 points and 238 tries in games against Tonga while the latter have managed 1086 points and 138 tries.
- The two sides last met in August last year for the 2011 Men's Internationals Series in Lautoka, with Tonga winning 32-20.
- Saturday's clash between Tonga and Fiji is the 7th time these countries have met in the Pacific Nations Cup. Fiji's historical superiority has been turned on its head in the competition, with Tonga have been victorious on 4 of those occasions and Fiji just twice.
- The last five PNC games have ebbed and flowed with Tonga winning three and Fiji the other two. Tonga were the most recent winners between the two sides, beating Fiji 45-21 last year.

## Form guide

- Tonga's nail-biting 20-18 loss to Samoa in Round 1 of the Pacific Nations Cup was a huge disappointment but they bounced back against Japan, recording a 24-20 over the 2011 champions in Tokyo. With memories of beating France 19-14 during Rugby World Cup 2011 still fresh in the mind, Tonga will look to kick on with a win over Fiji.
- Fiji's 37-25 loss to Scotland in Lautoka was their fourth loss in the last five games, with only a 25-6 win over Japan to show for all their efforts over the last few months. They will take encouragement over aspects of the performance against Scotland, as they did with the close loss (29-26) to Samoa on 10 June but they desperately need a win against Tonga to restore confidence.

## New Kids on the Block

- Fiji flanker **APAKUKI WAISAVU VUAVIRITAKI** and winger **MAILELI MOCETADRA** will make their debuts for their country if they come off the bench against Tonga.

## Man in the Middle

- New Zealand's Keith Brown makes his 8th appearance as an international referee when he officiates in the Pacific Nations Cup match between Tonga and Fiji on Saturday. It will be his fifth appearance in the Pacific Nations Cup. He made his Test debut back in 2008 refereeing Fiji versus Samoa.

## Pacific Nations Cup Facts & Figures

- **KURT MORATH** (27 points) needs nine more points to overtake Japan's Ayumu Goromaru (35 points) and finish top scorer in the 2012 Pacific Nations Cup. MORATH became the competition's highest scorer earlier in the month and currently has 122 points.
- **ALASKA TAUFA**'s yellow card in the game against Samoa earlier this month was Tonga's 19th yellow card in the history of the competition. It means they have earned almost double the yellow cards as their nearest rival (Fiji with 10) for the unsavoury award.

## 2012 Records

### >> Points

Points	Player
35	Ayumu Goromaru Japan
34	Ki Anufe Samoa
27	Kurt Morath Tonga

### >> Tries

Tries	Player
3	David Lemi Samoa
2	Faatiga Lemalu Samoa
2	Hendrik Tui Japan
2	Takashi Kikutani Japan

## All Time Records

### >> Points

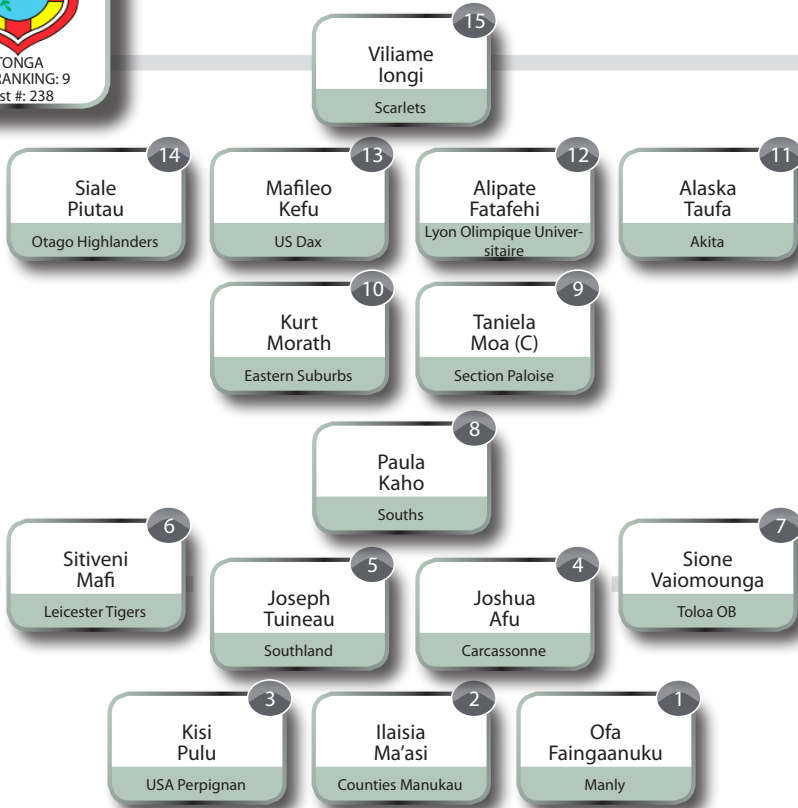
Points	Player
122	Kurt Morath Tonga
103	Taniela Rawaqa Fiji
96	James Arlidge Japan

### >> Tries

Tries	Player
11	Hosea Gear Junior All Blacks / New Zealand Maori
9	David Lemi Samoa
8	Takashi Kikutani Japan



Team Sheets



Replacements

- 16 Viliami Pola (Timaru)
- 17 Sila Puafisi (Sila Pelu Ua)
- 18 Lua Lokotui ( )
- 19 Viliami Faingaa ( )
- 20 Thomas Palu (Norths)
- 21 Sefa Vaka (Toyota Jido Shokki)
- 22 Edmond Paea (Eastern Suburbs)

Key Stats

# Caps Starting Lineup: 142  
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27  
 Oldest Player: Kisi Pulu (34)  
 Youngest Player: Sitiveni Mafi (22)  
 Avg Weight Forwards: 108 kg

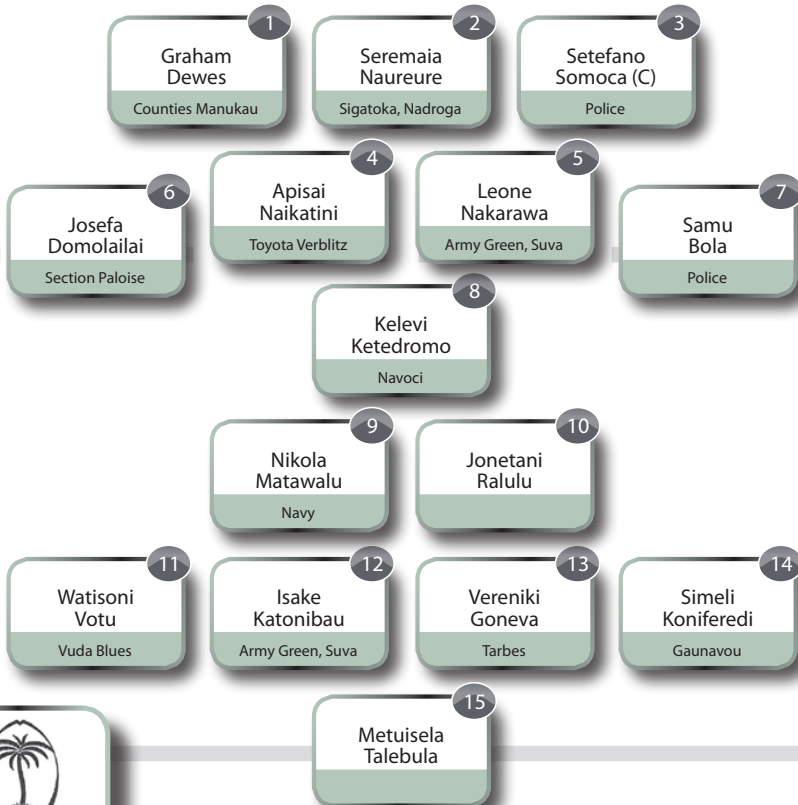
Officials

Referee:  
 Keith Brown (New Zealand) - 7 Tests

Tests at Venue: 3 Tests  
 Tonga: 2 Tests  
 Fiji: 2 Tests  
 Test Debut: 07/06/2008 - Fiji v Samoa

Referee:  
 Garratt Williamson (New Zealand)

Referee:  
 Sam Tuidraki (Fiji)



Replacements

- 16 Talemaitoga Tuapati (Woodlands)
- 17 Jerry Yanuyanutawa (Brumbies)
- 18 Iliesa Ratuva (Ravuka Sharks, Nadroga)
- 19 Apakuki Waisavu Vuaviritaki ( )
- 20 Kelemedi Bola (Kadavu)
- 21 Benedito Koroi (Navy)
- 22 Maikelu Mocetadra ( )

Key Stats

# Caps Starting Lineup: 125  
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27  
 Oldest Player: Iliesa Ratuva (32)  
 Youngest Player: Metuisela Talebula (21)  
 Avg Weight Forwards: 112 kg



## Head to Head

## Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
19/08/2011	Fiji	20 - 32	Tonga	Lautoka
13/08/2011	Fiji	27 - 12	Tonga	Lautoka
02/07/2011	Tonga	45 - 21	Fiji	Lautoka
19/06/2010	Fiji	41 - 38	Tonga	Apia
13/06/2009	Tonga	22 - 36	Fiji	Nuku'alofa

## Summary

Tonga		84 Matches (3 Draw)	Fiji	
26	Won			55
1086	Points			1587
138	Tries			219
75	Conversions			118
81	Penalties			138
5	Drop Goals			10

## Player Records

For Tonga against Fiji		For Fiji against Tonga	
Manu Vunipola - 12	Appearances	15 - Atunaisa Laqeretabua	
Kurt Morath - 50	Points	153 - Nicky Little	
Vungakoto Lilo - 4	Tries	6 - Isikela Daveta	
Kurt Morath - 10	Conversions	20 - Nicky Little	
Kurt Morath - 10	Penalties	35 - Nicky Little	
Pierre Hola - 2	Drop Goals	2 - Severo Koroduadua	

## Player Records in a Match

For Tonga against Fiji		For Fiji against Tonga	
Kurt Morath on 02/07/2011 - 20	Points	22 - On 2 Occasions	
On 4 Occasions - 2	Tries	3 - On 4 Occasions	
Kurt Morath on 19/06/2010 - 5	Conversions	5 - On 2 Occasions	
Kurt Morath on 19/08/2011 - 5	Penalties	6 - On 3 Occasions	
On 5 Occasions - 1	Drop Goals	1 - On 10 Occasions	

## Team Records in a Match

For Tonga against Fiji		For Fiji against Tonga	
On 02/07/2011 - 45	Points	47 - On 2 Occasions	
On 3 Occasions - 5	Tries	8 - On 30/07/1977	
On 19/06/2010 - 5	Conversions	5 - On 2 Occasions	
On 19/08/2011 - 5	Penalties	6 - On 3 Occasions	
On 5 Occasions - 1	Drop Goals	1 - On 10 Occasions	



## Head Coach: Toutai Kefu

Debut: 05/06/2012 v Samoa (L 18-20)  
 Winning Ratio: 50.00%  
 Average Tries per Match: 1.50

## Tonga Record Under Toutai Kefu

1 Wins	0 Drawn	1 Lost
42 For	Points	40 Against
3 For	Tries	4 Against
3 For	Conversions	4 Against
7 For	Penalties	4 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

## Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
10/06/2012	Japan	W 24 - 20	Tokyo
05/06/2012	Samoa	L 18 - 20	Nagoya
01/10/2011	France	W 19 - 14	Wellington
21/09/2011	Japan	W 31 - 18	Whangarei
14/09/2011	Canada	L 20 - 25	Whangarei
Points For		112	
Points Ag		97	
Tries For		9	
Tries Ag		11	

## Player Info For Tonga

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Ofa Faingaanuku	1	29	08/06/2011	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ilaisia Ma'asi	2	30	13/06/2009	11	5	2	5	0	6	5	1	0	0	0
Kisi Pulu	3	34	06/07/2002	28	4	5	11	0	17	15	3	0	0	0
Joshua Afu	4	25	15/06/2008	9	2	2	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Joseph Tuineau	5	30	02/07/2011	9	4	2	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Sitiveni Mafi	6	22	12/06/2010	5	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Sione Vaiomounga	7	23	28/11/2009	11	3	3	5	0	6	5	1	0	0	0
Paula Kaho	8	28	08/06/2011	3	2	0	2	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Taniela Moa (C)	9	26	13/08/2011	8	1	2	4	0	4	5	1	0	0	0
Kurt Morath	10	27	28/11/2009	15	2	3	8	0	7	214	1	34	47	0
Alaska Taufu	11	28	12/06/2010	8	1	2	2	0	6	15	3	0	0	0
Alipate Fatafehi	12	27	13/06/2009	13	4	3	5	0	8	20	4	0	0	0
Mafleo Kefu	13	29	05/06/2012	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Siale Piutau	14	26	13/08/2011	8	3	2	4	0	4	10	2	0	0	0
Viliame longi	15	22	08/06/2011	11	3	3	6	0	5	35	7	0	0	0
Total				142	37	30	64	0	78	329	24	34	47	0
Viliami Pola	16	24	19/06/2010	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sila Puafisi	17	24	09/07/2011	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lua Lokotui	18	32	17/11/2001	8	2	2	4	0	4	5	1	0	0	0
Viliami Faingaa	19	24	05/06/2012	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas Palu	20	25	13/07/2011	5	4	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sefa Vaka	21	31	29/05/2004	12	4	2	3	0	9	10	2	0	0	0
Edmond Paea	22	24	08/06/2011	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Records For Tonga

## Caps

41 - Elisi Vunipola  
 38 - Benhur Kivalu  
 37 - Pierre Hola

## Tries

12 - Siua Taumalolo  
 11 - Fepikou Tatafu  
 10 - Benhur Kivalu

## Points

289 - Pierre Hola  
 214 - Kurt Morath  
 190 - Sateki Tuipulotu

## Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 39 - Pierre Hola v Korea on 21/03/2003  
 Tries: 5 - Benhur Kivalu v Korea on 21/03/2003  
 Conversions: 17 - Pierre Hola v Korea on 21/03/2003  
 Penalties: 6 - Kurt Morath v Samoa on 05/06/2012  
 Drop Goals: 1 - 8 players

## Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 119 v Korea on 21/03/2003  
 Tries: 17 v Korea on 21/03/2003  
 Conversions: 17 v Korea on 21/03/2003  
 Penalties: 6 v Samoa on 05/06/2012  
 Drop Goals: 1 on 8 Occasions



### Head Coach: Inoke Male

Debut: 05/06/2012 v Japan (W 25-19)  
 Winning Ratio: 33.33%  
 Average Tries per Match: 3.00

### Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
16/06/2012	Scotland	L 25 37	Lautoka
10/06/2012	Samoa	L 26 29	Tokyo
05/06/2012	Japan	W 25 19	Nagoya
02/10/2011	Wales	L 0 66	Hamilton
25/09/2011	Samoa	L 7 27	Auckland
Points For		83	
Points Ag		178	
Tries For		10	
Tries Ag		19	

#### Fiji Record Under Inoke Male

1 Wins	0 Drawn	2 Lost
76 For	Points	85 Against
9 For	Tries	8 Against
5 For	Conversions	6 Against
7 For	Penalties	11 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

### Player Info For Fiji

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Graham Dewes	1	30	26/05/2007	25	8	5	12	1	12	5	1	0	0	0
Seremaia Naureure	2	25	05/06/2012	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Setefano Somoca (C)	3	31	13/07/2011	8	4	1	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Apisai Naikatini	4	27	05/06/2012	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Leone Nakarawa	5	24	21/11/2009	14	4	3	5	0	9	10	2	0	0	0
Josefa Domolailai	6	26	05/07/2008	11	4	4	5	0	6	5	1	0	0	0
Samu Bola	7	29	13/06/2009	14	7	3	8	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Kelevi Ketedromo	8	31	12/06/2010	4	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nikola Matawalu	9	23	12/06/2010	5	0	1	3	0	2	5	1	0	0	0
Jonetani Ralulu	10	25	07/06/2008	6	2	2	3	0	3	10	0	2	2	0
Watisoni Votu	11	27	05/06/2012	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Isake Katonibau	12	29	05/06/2012	2	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Vereniki Goneva	13	28	19/05/2007	25	6	5	9	1	15	65	13	0	0	0
Simeli Koniferedi	14	27	05/06/2012	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Metuisela Talebula	15	21	16/06/2012	1	1	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Total				125	39	25	54	2	69	110	20	2	2	0
Talemaitoga Tuapati	16	27	05/06/2010	14	10	3	3	1	10	10	2	0	0	0
Jerry Yanuyanutawa	17	27	10/06/2012	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Iliesa Ratuva	18	32	05/06/2012	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Apakuki Waisavu Vuaviritaki	19	24		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelemedi Bola	20	30	28/11/2009	5	5	1	3	0	2	5	1	0	0	0
Benedito Koro	21	28	05/06/2012	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maikeli Mocetadra	22	27		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Records For Fiji

#### Caps

71 - Nicky Little
50 - Jacob Rauluni
49 - Joeli Veitayaki

#### Tries

18 - Sanivalati Laulau
16 - Fero Lasagavibau
16 - Viliame Satala

#### Points

670 - Nicky Little
268 - Severo Koroduadua
223 - Seremaia Bai

#### Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 36 - Severo Koroduadua v Niue Island on 10/09/1983
Tries: 6 - Tevita Makutu v Papua New Guinea on 30/08/1979
Conversions: 18 - Severo Koroduadua v Niue Island on 10/09/1983
Penalties: 7 - Nicky Little v Samoa on 08/07/2001
Drop Goals: 3 - Opeti Turuva v Samoa on 02/07/1994

#### Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 120 v Niue Island on 10/09/1983
Tries: 25 v Solomon Islands on 21/08/1969
Conversions: 19 v Solomon Islands on 21/08/1969
Penalties: 7 v Samoa on 08/07/2001
Drop Goals: 3 on 2 Occasions

