

Facts & Figures

KEY FACTS

- HIROTOKI ONOZAWA wins his 80th cap for Japan on Saturday, overtaking the record set by Yukio Motoki as the most capped player for Japan. ONOZAWA made his debut in a 53-30 loss to Wales in 2001.
- TAKASHI KIKUTANI captains Japan for the 33rd time on Saturday. Takuro Miuchi holds the record for Japan, captaining his country 45 times.
- Japan's 27-17 loss to Tonga was their 50th consecutive match in which they have scored a try.
- Saturday's match between Fiji and Japan is the fifth meeting at Churchill Park, Lautoka. Japan have only managed to beat Fiji once at the stadium, which was 2011 when they won 24-13.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

- A win this weekend for Japan will be their second consecutive away win in Fiji and their third consecutive away win in the competition. It will also be their seventh consecutive away win in all competitions.
- Saturday's match against Japan will be Fiji's 10th match at Churchill Park in the IRB Pacific Nations Cup. Fiji's record hasn't been consistent at the ground, winning on five occasions with four losses.
- Fiji have only failed to score a try in a match in this competition on two occasions. They failed against Samoa in 2010 and 2007. Japan have failed to score a try in the IRB Pacific Nations Cup against Fiji once before in 2008, Samoa in 2006 and 2007 and the Junior All Blacks in 2007.

TEAM NEWS

- AYUMU GOROMARU makes his 20th start for Japan this weekend. GOTOMARU also needs three more points to reach a total of 250 points scored in his career for Japan. GOROMARU made his Test debut in a 24-18 loss to Uruguay in 2005.
- KENSUKE HATAKEYAMA makes his 30th Test start for Japan on Saturday after winning his 40th cap last weekend against Tonga. HATAKEYAMA made his Test debut in a 29-19 win over USA in 2008.
- AKAPUSI QERA is the most experienced player in the Fiji starting XV winning his 28th cap on Saturday. He also captains Fiji for only the second time, the first was in a 32-20 loss to Tonga in 2011.
- JIUTA LUTUMAILAGI makes his Test debut for Fiji against Japan on Saturday.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

- GARRATT WILLIAMSON of New Zealand will officiate the match between Fiji and Japan on Saturday. It will be WILLIAMSON'S second Test match that he has refereed and the first between the two sides.

HEAD TO HEAD

- Saturday's match between Fiji and Japan will be the 15th meeting between the two sides in all competitions. Fiji are dominating winning on 11 occasions.
- Fiji have scored 380 points in all competitions against Japan and have managed to score 49 tries in the process. Japan have scored 257 points against Fiji and only scored 27 tries.
- In the IRB Pacific Nations Cup, both sides have played against each other on seven occasions. Japan have only managed to beat Fiji in the competition once, which was in 2011. Fiji, however, lead in terms of tries scored with a total of 23 against Japan, compared to the away side's tally of 15 tries against Fiji.
- Fiji were the most recent winners between the two sides in the Pacific Nations Cup, beating Japan 25-19 in Nagoya last year.
- The first meeting between the two sides was in 1990 during a Fiji tour. The Fijian's came out 32-6 victors against Japan at the Prince Chichibu Memorial Stadium.
- There is a big difference between the packs in terms of size this weekend. Fiji will have a 6kg per man weight advantage up front, weighing in at an average 112kg per man compared to Japan's 106kg per man.

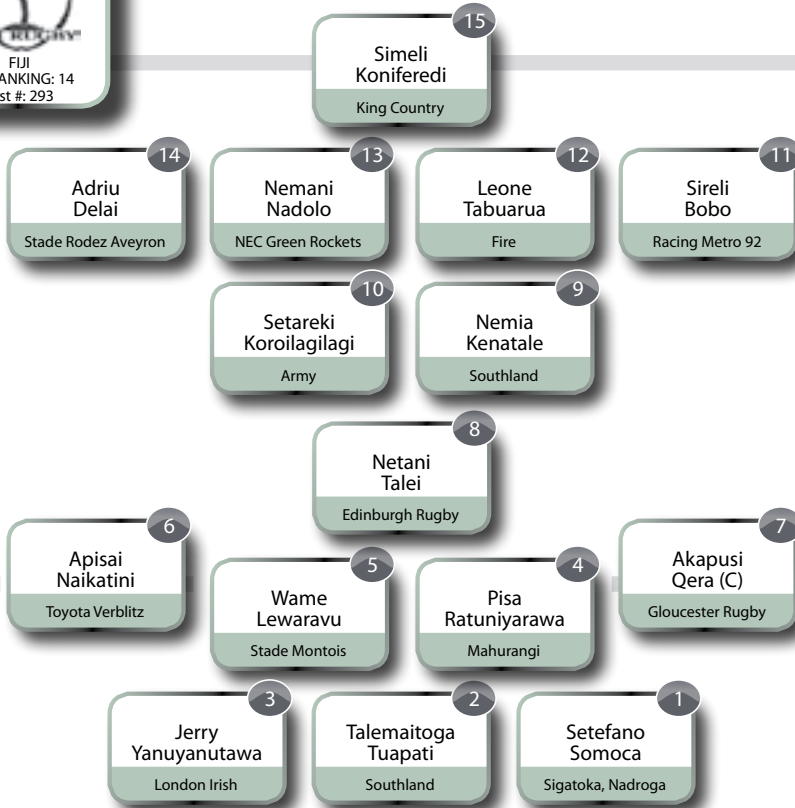
FORM GUIDE

- This weekend's match against Japan is Fiji's first match in this year's IRB Pacific Nations Cup. Fiji have only won two of their last five matches, winning against Tonga last June (29-17) and Georgia in November (24-19).
- Japan's 27-17 loss to Tonga last weekend halted a winning streak of six consecutive matches. Japan's coach Eddie Jones will want his team to bounce back from the defeat to Tonga and beat Fiji to make it 11 wins in 15 under him.

ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?

- Japan field a more experienced starting XV than Fiji with a total of 425 caps, which is nearly three times more caps to the home side's total of 147. Fiji field an older starting XV with an average age of 29 compared to Japan's average age of 27.
- Fiji's SIRELI BOBO is the oldest player on the pitch on Saturday at the age of 37 years.
- Japan's KENKI FUKUOKA will be the youngest man on the field if he comes off the bench this weekend, at the age of 20.

Team Sheets



Replacements

- 16 Viliame Veikoso (Navoci)
- 17 Manasa Saulo (Navy)
- 18 Campese Ma'afu (Cardiff Blues)
- 19 Rupeni Nasiga (Plymouth Albion)
- 20 Mala Ravulo (North Harbour)
- 21 Nikola Matawalu (Glasgow Warriors)
- 22 Jiuta Lutumailagi (Nadroga)
- 23 Aisea Natoga (Tuva)

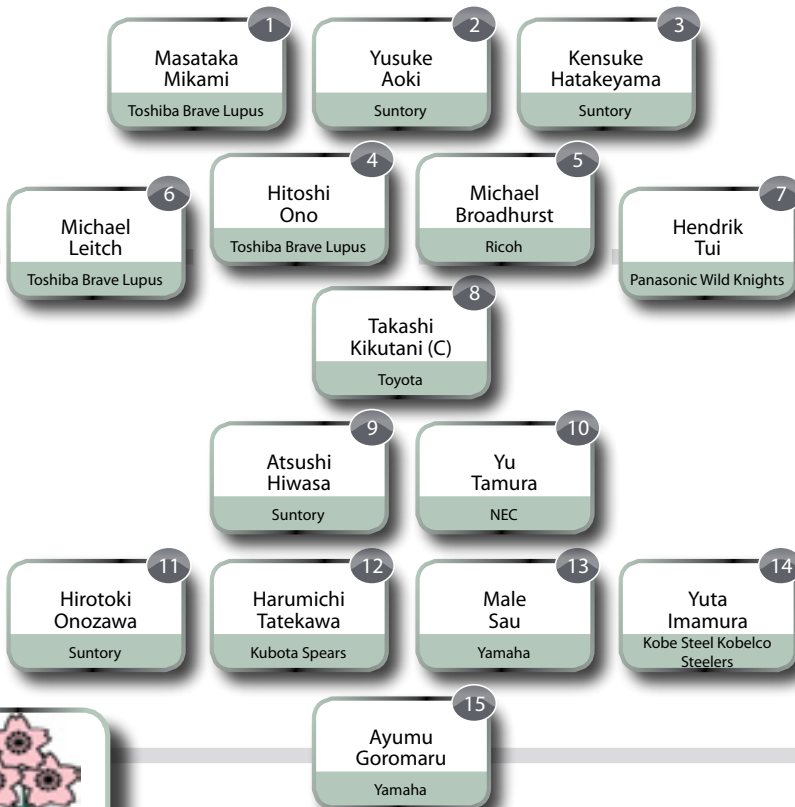
Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 147
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 29
 Oldest Player: Sireli Bobo (37)
 Youngest Player: Aisea Natoga (22)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 112 kg

Officials

Referee:
 Garratt Williamson (New Zealand) - 1 Tests

Tests at Venue: 0 Tests
 Fiji: 0 Tests
 Japan: 1 Tests
 Test Debut: 30/10/2010 - Japan v Samoa



Replacements

- 16 Takeshi Kizu (Kobe Steel Kobelco Steelers)
- 17 Takuma Asahara (Toshiba Brave Lupus)
- 18 Hiroshi Yamashita (Kobe Steel Kobelco Steelers)
- 19 Toshizumi Kitagawa (Toyota)
- 20 Shoji Ito (Kobe Steel Kobelco Steelers)
- 21 Keisuke Uchida (Tsukuba University)
- 22 Craig Wing (Kobe Steel Kobelco Steelers)
- 23 Kenki Fukuoka (Tsukuba University)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 425
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27
 Oldest Player: Hiroto Onozawa (35)
 Youngest Player: Kenki Fukuoka (20)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 106 kg



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
05/06/2012	Fiji	25 - 19	Japan	Nagoya
13/07/2011	Japan	24 - 13	Fiji	Lautoka
12/06/2010	Fiji	22 - 8	Japan	Lautoka
03/07/2009	Fiji	40 - 39	Japan	Suva
22/06/2008	Japan	12 - 24	Fiji	Tokyo

Summary

Fiji		14 Matches (0 Draw)	Japan	
11	Won		3	
380	Points		257	
49	Tries		27	
30	Conversions		15	
27	Penalties		30	
0	Drop Goals		1	

Player Records

For Fiji against Japan		For Japan against Fiji	
3 Players - 6	Appearances	7 - Hitoshi Ono	
Nicky Little - 56	Points	22 - Ryan Nicholas	
Akapusi Qera - 4	Tries	3 - 2 Players	
Nicky Little - 10	Conversions	4 - Ryan Nicholas	
Nicky Little - 12	Penalties	7 - Keiji Hirose	
-	Drop Goals	1 - Andy Miller	

Player Records in a Match

For Fiji against Japan		For Japan against Fiji	
Seremaia Baikeinuku on 03/07/2009 - 20	Points	16 - Shotaro Onishi on 12/09/2007	
On 6 Occasions - 2	Tries	2 - On 4 Occasions	
On 3 Occasions - 4	Conversions	4 - Ryan Nicholas on 03/07/2009	
Seremaia Baikeinuku on 03/07/2009 - 4	Penalties	4 - On 4 Occasions	
-	Drop Goals	1 - Andy Miller on 23/10/2003	

Team Records in a Match

For Fiji against Japan		For Japan against Fiji	
On 20/05/2000 - 47	Points	39 - On 03/07/2009	
On 2 Occasions - 6	Tries	5 - On 03/07/2009	
On 3 Occasions - 4	Conversions	4 - On 03/07/2009	
On 2 Occasions - 4	Penalties	4 - On 4 Occasions	
-	Drop Goals	1 - On 23/10/2003	



Head Coach: Inoke Male

Debut: 05/06/2012 v Japan (W 25-19)
 Winning Ratio: 50.00%
 Average Tries per Match: 2.83

Fiji Record Under Inoke Male

3 Wins	0 Drawn	3 Lost
141 For	Points	175 Against
17 For	Tries	17 Against
10 For	Conversions	12 Against
12 For	Penalties	22 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
24/11/2012	Georgia	W 24 19	Tbilisi
10/11/2012	England	L 12 54	London
23/06/2012	Tonga	W 29 17	Lautoka
16/06/2012	Scotland	L 25 37	Lautoka
10/06/2012	Samoa	L 26 29	Tokyo
Points For		116	
Points Ag		156	
Tries For		14	
Tries Ag		16	

Player Info For Fiji

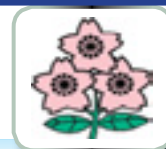
Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Setefano Somoca	1	32	13/07/2011	11	5	2	3	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Talemaitoga Tuapati	2	28	05/06/2010	16	12	1	5	1	10	10	2	0	0	0
Jerry Yanuyanutawa	3	28	10/06/2012	4	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pisa Ratuniyarawa	4	26	10/11/2012	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wame Lewaravu	5	30	19/05/2007	17	7	2	5	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Apisai Naikatini	6	28	05/06/2012	6	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Akapusi Qera (C)	7	29	09/07/2005	27	9	4	10	1	16	25	5	0	0	0
Netani Talei	8	30	10/06/2006	24	6	6	13	0	11	20	4	0	0	0
Nemia Kenatale	9	27	22/06/2008	18	8	2	6	1	11	15	3	0	0	0
Setareki Koroilagilagi	10	28	05/06/2012	2	0	1	1	0	1	21	0	3	5	0
Sireli Bobo	11	37	05/06/2004	10	1	0	5	0	5	25	5	0	0	0
Leone Tabuarua	12	27		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nemani Nadolo	13	25	05/06/2010	3	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Adriu Delai	14	28	02/07/2011	3	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Simeli Koniferedi	15	28	05/06/2012	4	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total				147	52	21	60	3	84	116	19	3	5	0
Viliame Veikoso	16	31	14/11/2009	19	8	2	7	1	11	0	0	0	0	0
Manasa Saulo	17	24	10/11/2012	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Campese Ma'afu	18	28	05/06/2010	14	2	1	5	1	8	10	2	0	0	0
Rupeni Nasiga	19	27	05/07/2008	11	5	2	3	0	8	10	2	0	0	0
Mala Ravulo	20	29	13/11/2010	14	5	1	5	1	8	5	1	0	0	0
Nikola Matawalu	21	24	12/06/2010	8	0	2	5	0	3	10	2	0	0	0
Jiuta Lutumailagi	22	28		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aisea Natoga	23	22	24/11/2012	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Records For Fiji

Caps	Tries	Points
71 - Nicky Little	18 - Sanivalati Laulau	670 - Nicky Little
50 - Jacob Rauluni	16 - Fero Lasagavibau	268 - Severo Koroduadua
49 - Joeli Veitayaki	16 - Viliame Satala	223 - Seremaia Baikeinuku

Player Records (In a Match)	Team Records (In a Match)
Points: 36 - Severo Koroduadua v Niue Island on 10/09/1983	Points: 120 v Niue Island on 10/09/1983
Tries: 6 - Tevita Makutu v Papua New Guinea on 30/08/1979	Tries: 25 v Solomon Islands on 21/08/1969
Conversions: 18 - Severo Koroduadua v Niue Island on 10/09/1983	Conversions: 19 v Solomon Islands on 21/08/1969
Penalties: 7 - Nicky Little v Samoa on 08/07/2001	Penalties: 7 v Samoa on 08/07/2001
Drop Goals: 3 - Opeti Turuva v Samoa on 02/07/1994	Drop Goals: 3 on 2 Occasions





Head Coach: Eddie Jones

Debut: 28/04/2012 v Kazakhstan (W 87-0)
 Winning Ratio: 71.43%
 Average Tries per Match: 7.57

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
25/05/2013	Tonga	L 17 27	Yokohama
10/05/2013	United Arab Emirates	W 93 3	Dubai
04/05/2013	Korea	W 64 5	Tokyo
27/04/2013	Hong Kong	W 38 0	Hong Kong
20/04/2013	Philippines	W 121 0	Fukuoka
Points For		333	
Points Ag		35	
Tries For		47	
Tries Ag		1	

Japan Record Under Eddie Jones

10 Wins	0 Drawn	4 Lost
769 For	Points	167 Against
106 For	Tries	14 Against
76 For	Conversions	11 Against
19 For	Penalties	16 Against
1 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

Player Info For Japan

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Masataka Mikami	1	24	20/04/2013	4	0	0	3	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Yusuke Aoki	2	29	22/04/2007	26	8	2	16	0	10	10	2	0	0	0
Kensuke Hatakeyama	3	27	16/11/2008	40	12	3	27	1	12	45	9	0	0	0
Hitoshi Ono	4	35	16/05/2004	68	12	7	40	3	25	60	12	0	0	0
Michael Broadhurst	5	26	10/11/2012	7	2	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Leitch	6	24	16/11/2008	28	5	3	19	1	8	35	7	0	0	0
Hendrik Tui	7	25	10/06/2012	9	2	0	6	0	3	15	3	0	0	0
Takashi Kikutani (C)	8	33	05/11/2005	58	8	6	35	1	22	160	32	0	0	0
Atsushi Hiwasa	9	26	30/04/2011	21	9	2	11	1	9	0	0	0	0	0
Yu Tamura	10	24	28/04/2012	7	4	0	7	0	0	18	2	4	0	0
Hiroto Onozawa	11	35	17/06/2001	79	8	6	41	3	35	275	55	0	0	0
Harumichi Tatekawa	12	23	28/04/2012	14	3	1	10	0	4	36	4	8	0	0
Male Sau	13	25	20/04/2013	4	0	0	3	0	1	10	2	0	0	0
Yuta Imamura	14	28	16/04/2006	36	9	5	18	1	17	80	16	0	0	0
Ayumu Goromaru	15	27	16/04/2005	24	5	1	15	0	9	250	13	64	19	0
Total				425	87	36	257	11	157	999	158	76	19	0
Takeshi Kizu	16	24	21/11/2009	17	8	2	12	0	5	30	6	0	0	0
Takuma Asahara	17	25	20/04/2013	4	3	0	4	0	0	10	2	0	0	0
Hiroshi Yamashita	18	27	25/04/2009	20	11	2	13	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Toshizumi Kitagawa	19	32	05/11/2005	41	8	4	23	1	17	10	2	0	0	0
Shoji Ito	20	32	28/04/2012	11	9	1	8	0	3	5	1	0	0	0
Keisuke Uchida	21	21	28/04/2012	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Wing	22	33	10/05/2013	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenki Fukuoka	23	20	20/04/2013	2	1	0	2	0	0	20	4	0	0	0

Records For Japan

Caps

79 - Yukio Motoki
79 - Hiroto Onozawa
68 - Hitoshi Ono

Tries

69 - Daisuke Ohata
55 - Hiroto Onozawa
32 - Takashi Kikutani

Points

413 - Keiji Hirose
347 - Toru Kurihara
345 - Daisuke Ohata

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 60 - Toru Kurihara v Chinese Taipei on 21/07/2002
Tries: 8 - Daisuke Ohata v Chinese Taipei on 06/07/2002
Conversions: 15 - Toru Kurihara v Chinese Taipei on 21/07/2002
Penalties: 9 - Keiji Hirose v Tonga on 08/05/1999
Drop Goals: 2 - Kensuke Iwabuchi v Argentina on 15/09/1998

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 155 v Chinese Taipei on 06/07/2002
Tries: 23 v Chinese Taipei on 06/07/2002
Conversions: 20 v Chinese Taipei on 06/07/2002
Penalties: 9 v Tonga on 08/05/1999
Drop Goals: 2 v Argentina on 15/09/1998

