

Facts & Figures

Headlines

- Wins against Fiji (24-13) and Tonga (28-27) saw Japan follow in the footsteps of the Junior All Blacks, New Zealand Maori and Samoa and win their first Pacific Nations Cup last year.
- HIROTOKI ONOZAWA will be the most experienced player on the pitch with 72 caps, he recently joined Daisuke Ohata (who holds the Japan try-scoring record with 69) in an exclusive club as the only two Japanese internationals to have ever scored 50 or more tries for their country. ONOZAWA is also second on the list for most appearances for Japan behind Yokio Motoki with 79 caps.
- Japan are fresh from winning their fifth consecutive Asian Five Nations tournament. Their emphatic 67-0 win over Hong Kong was their 20th consecutive bonus point win in the competition, giving new coach Eddie Jones a 100% winning record since taking over following Rugby World Cup 2011. Jones' charges have scored 313 points during the first four games of his tenure, conceding just 11 points.
- Japan have averaged nine tries per match under Eddie Jones. They've scored 37 tries in total in his first four games in charge, converting 30 of them. Interestingly, they've yet to score a penalty.
- Fiji loosehead prop GRAHAM DEWES wins his 25th cap for his country on Tuesday yet will be the most experienced Fiji player on the pitch. In total Fiji have fielded seven new caps, and another three players who have ten caps or less. DEWES, No.8 NETANI TALEI and centre VERENEKI GONEVA are the only three Fiji players with more than 20 caps.
- Fiji's backline contains a total of 25 caps between them and is littered with new caps (five in total). Centre VERENEKI GONEVA is the old hand with 22 caps, while NIKOLA MATAWALU is the second most senior player in the Fiji backline – with three caps.
- Japan replacement RYAN NICOLAS will break through the 200 point barrier if he scores seven points or more against Fiji. The Australian-born centre has amassed 193 points for his adopted country since making his debut against Korea in April, 2008, scoring nine tries and 53 conversions.

Head to Head

- Tuesday's clash between Fiji and Japan is the 14th match between the two sides. Fiji have been victorious on 10 of those occasions with Japan winning the other three. This is reflected in the recent meetings between the two sides, with Fiji winning four out of the last five encounters.
- Japan were the most recent winners in matches between the two sides, beating Fiji 24-13 in a Pacific Nations Cup match in Lautoka last year.
- Fiji's biggest win over Japan came in 2000, when they beat the home side 47-22 in Tokyo.
- Two of Japan's wins over Fiji came within a week of each other. They beat a touring Fiji side 24-18 on the 8th of May 1994 and followed that up seven days later with 20-8 win.
- Japan's biggest margin of victory over Fiji was in that 1994 Test, when they managed that 20-8 win over their neighbours. Their record points tally however came in a defeat to Fiji – when they were beaten 40-39 by the island nation in 2009.
- Only one drop goal has ever been scored in games between the two sides. That came in a Rugby World Cup 2003 pool game, when Kobe Steel flyhalf Andy Miller kicked a drop goal for Japan in a 41-13 loss to Fiji in Townsville.

Man in the Middle

- Ireland's John Lacey makes his 5th appearance as an international referee when he officiates the Pacific Nations Cup match between Fiji and Japan on Tuesday. Lacey made his debut in 2009 when he refereed the France A versus Romania.

PNC Facts & Figures

- Tonga's Kurt Morath (95 points) has the opportunity in the Pacific Nations Cup clash against Samoa to overtake Fiji's Tanieli Rawaga (103 points) and Japan's James Arlidge (96 points) and become the leading PNC points-scorer of all time.
- Japan's HITOSHI ONO will equal the record for most PNC appearances when he lines out against Fiji. ONO will join Samoa's Filipo Lavea Levi and Sunia Koto on 19 appearances.
- Fiji and Japan are playing in their 25th Pacific Nations Cup match. Fiji have won 11 of those games while Japan are looking for their eighth victory in the competition.
- Japan have conceded more points in the PNC than any other team – 827. With 115 tries against, they're also the only team to have conceded more than 100 tries over the duration of the competition.

Form guide

- Fiji and Japan have endured contrasting fortunes and calendars since last year's Rugby World Cup. In total Fiji have now won just three of their last 18 Tests, including a couple of wins against Tonga and one against Namibia.
- Japan finished off their Rugby World Cup with a 23-23 draw against Canada in Napier and four wins on the trot under new coach Eddie Jones in the Asian Five Nations should give them the edge in terms of confidence.
- Fiji on the other hand, will look to this month's Pacific Nations Cup to rebuild after a hugely disappointing effort at Rugby World Cup 2011. One solitary win, a 49-25 victory over Namibia in Rotorua was all they had to show for their efforts, before succumbing to heavy defeats against South Africa (49-3), Samoa (27-7) and Wales (66-0).
- Fiji's poor run of results is reflected in its points and tries totals for the last five games. The Pacific island nation have conceded 199 points and 22 tries in their last five games, compared to Japan's 34 and four tries. However Japan's figures reflect the fact that four of their last five games have been at this year's 2012 Asian Five Nations against a lower level of opposition.

New Kids on the Block

- Fiji have announced no fewer than seven new caps in their side to play Japan on Tuesday. Lock APISAI NAIKATINI, flanker ILIESA RATUVA, flyhalf SETAREKI KOROILAGILAGI, wings WATISONI VOTU and WAISEA VUIDRAVUWALU, centre ISAKI KATONIBAU and fullback SIMELI KONIFEREDI all make their first starts for their country. In addition, replacements SEREMAIA NAUREURE, BENEDITO KOROI and ALOISIO BUTONIDUALEVU will all make their debuts if they come off the bench.
- Japan, by contrast, have no players making a debut but they do field a first XV with seven players with 10 caps or less.
- Japan has over twice as many caps on the pitch as Fiji (269 to Fiji's 110) yet still manages to have a younger average age (27 to Fiji's 28) than their opposition.

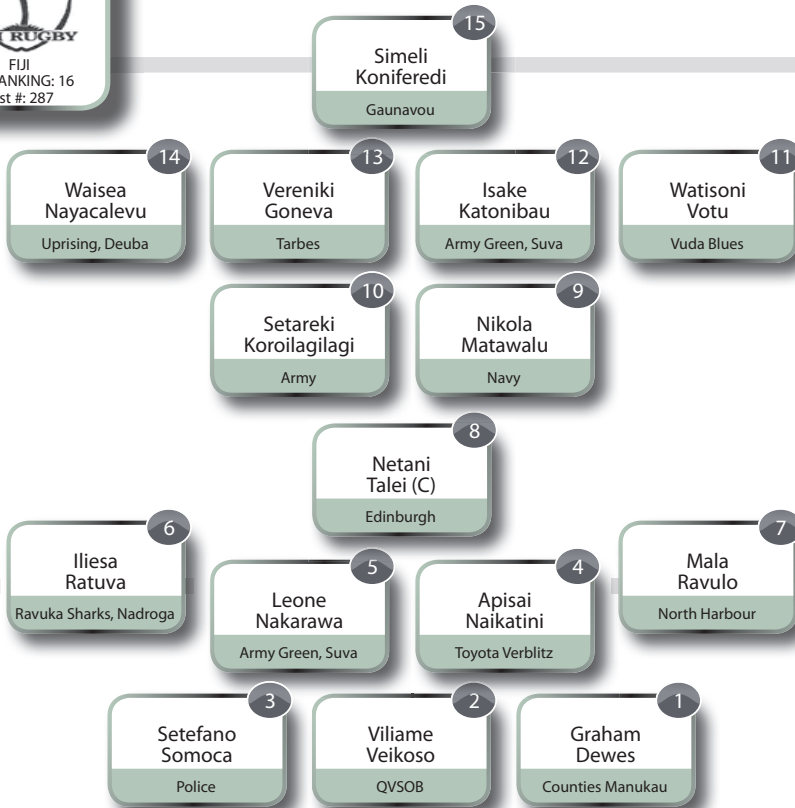
Did you know?

- Just two of the Fiji side ply their trade in Europe. VERENEKI GONEVA plays with Tarbes while No.8 and captain NETANI TALEI plays with Edinburgh. Replacement ALOISIO BUTONIDUALEVA is another playing in France, with newly promoted Top 14 side Grenoble.
- Eleven of Japan's starting XV come from just two clubs – Suntory Sungoliath provide six of Japan's starting XV while Toshiba Brave Lupus provide another five.

Team Sheets



FIJI
IRB RANKING: 16
Test #: 287



Replacements

- 16 Seremaia Naureure (Sigatoka, Nadroga)
- 17 Waisea Daveta Nailago (Toorak)
- 18 Samu Bola (Police)
- 19 Kelevi Ketedromo (Navoci)
- 20 Kelemedi Bola (Kadavu)
- 21 Benedito Koro'i (Navy)
- 22 Aloisio Butonidualevu (FC Grenoble)

Key Stats

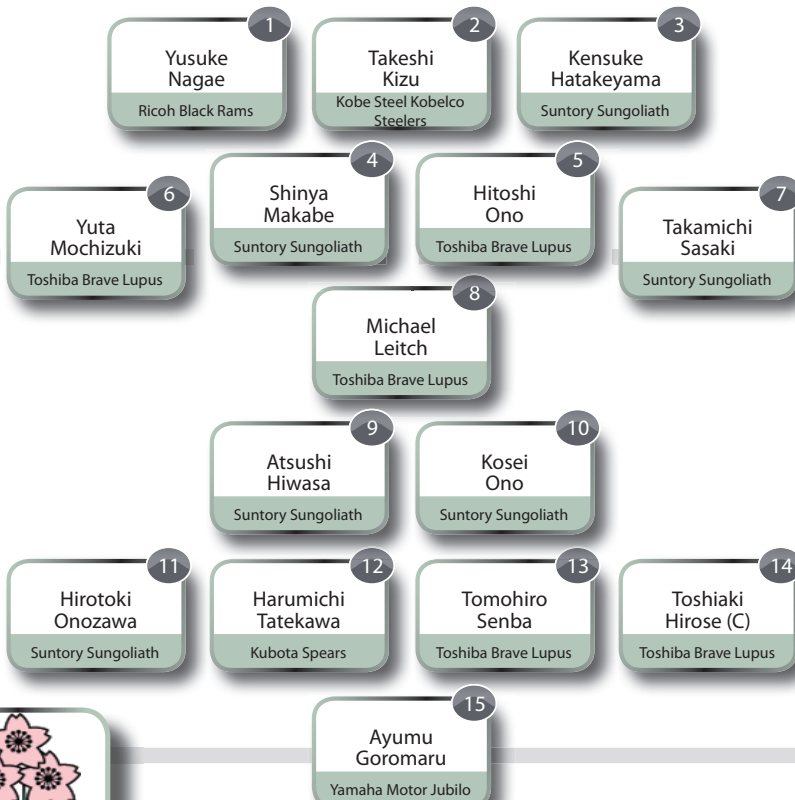
Caps Starting Lineup: 110
Avg Age Starting Lineup: 28
Oldest Player: Iliesa Ratuva (32)
Youngest Player: Waisea Nayacalevu (21)
Avg Weight Forwards: 112 kg

Officials

Referee:
John Lacey (Ireland) - 4 Tests
Tests at Venue: 0 Tests
Fiji: 0 Tests
Japan: 0 Tests
Test Debut: 16/06/2009 - France A v Romania

Assistant Referee 1:
Pascal Gauzere (France)

Assistant Referee 2:
Taizo Hirabayashi (Japan)



Replacements

- 16 Yuihei Arita (Coca Cola West Red Sparks)
- 17 Hiroshi Yamashita (Kobe Steel Kobelco Steelers)
- 18 Shoji Ito (Kobe Steel Kobelco Steelers)
- 19 Takashi Kikutani (Toyota Verblitz)
- 20 Jun Fujii (Toshiba Brave Lupus)
- 21 Ryan Nicholas (Suntory Sungoliath)
- 22 Yasunori Nagatomo (Suntory Sungoliath)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 269
Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27
Oldest Player: Hirotochi Onozawa (34)
Youngest Player: Harumichi Tatekawa (22)
Avg Weight Forwards: 106 kg



JAPAN
IRB RANKING: 14
Test #: 278



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
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
12/09/2007	Japan	31 - 35	Fiji	Toulouse

Summary

Fiji		13 Matches (0 Draw)	Japan	
10	Won		3	
355	Points		238	
46	Tries		26	
28	Conversions		14	
25	Penalties		26	
0	Drop Goals		1	

Player Records

For Fiji against Japan		For Japan against Fiji	
Sunia Koto - 6	Appearances	6 - 2 Players	
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 Bai 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 Bai on 03/07/2009 - 4	Penalties	4 - On 3 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 3 Occasions	
-	Drop Goals	1 - On 23/10/2003	



Head Coach: Inoke Male

Debut: v (-)
Winning Ratio: 0.00%
Average Tries per Match: 0.00

Fiji Record Under Inoke Male

0 Wins	0 Drawn	0 Lost
0 For	Points	0 Against
0 For	Tries	0 Against
0 For	Conversions	0 Against
0 For	Penalties	0 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
02/10/2011	Wales	L 0 66	Hamilton
25/09/2011	Samoa	L 7 27	Auckland
17/09/2011	South Africa	L 3 49	Wellington
10/09/2011	Namibia	W 49 25	Rotorua
19/08/2011	Tonga	L 20 32	Lautoka
Points For		79	
Points Ag		199	
Tries For		9	
Tries Ag		22	

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	24	8	5	11	1	12	5	1	0	0	0
Viliame Veikoso	2	30	14/11/2009	15	8	1	5	1	9	0	0	0	0	0
Setefano Somoca	3	31	13/07/2011	5	3	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Apisai Naikatini	4	27		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leone Nakarawa	5	24	21/11/2009	11	4	0	4	0	7	10	2	0	0	0
Iliasa Ratuva	6	32		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mala Ravulo	7	28	13/11/2010	9	4	0	3	1	5	5	1	0	0	0
Netani Talei (C)	8	29	10/06/2006	21	6	5	12	0	9	15	3	0	0	0
Nikola Matawalu	9	23	12/06/2010	3	0	1	2	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Setareki Koroilagilagi	10	27		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Watisoni Votu	11	27		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Isake Katonibau	12	29		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vereniki Goneva	13	28	19/05/2007	22	6	3	8	1	13	60	12	0	0	0
Waisea Nayacalevu	14	21		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simeli Koniferedi	15	27		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total				110	39	16	45	4	61	100	20	0	0	0
Seremaia Naureure	16	25		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waisea Daveta Nailago	17	23	13/07/2011	6	4	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Samu Bola	18	29	13/06/2009	12	6	2	7	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kelevi Ketedromo	19	31	12/06/2010	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelemedi Bola	20	30	28/11/2009	3	3	0	2	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Benedito Koroi	21	28		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aloisio Butonidualevu	22	28		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





Head Coach: Eddie Jones

Debut: 28/04/2012 v Kazakhstan (W 87-0)
Winning Ratio: 100.00%
Average Tries per Match: 12.00

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
19/05/2012	Hong Kong	W 67 - 0	Tokyo
12/05/2012	Korea	W 52 - 8	Seoul
05/05/2012	United Arab Emirates	W 106 - 3	Fukuoka
28/04/2012	Kazakhstan	W 87 - 0	Almaty
27/09/2011	Canada	D 23 - 23	Napier
Points For		335	
Points Ag		34	
Tries For		50	
Tries Ag		4	

Japan Record Under Eddie Jones

4 Wins	0 Drawn	0 Lost
312 For	Points	11 Against
48 For	Tries	1 Against
36 For	Conversions	0 Against
0 For	Penalties	2 Against
0 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
Yusuke Nagae	1	26	28/04/2012	4	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Takeshi Kizu	2	23	21/11/2009	11	8	1	10	0	1	25	5	0	0	0
Kensuke Hatakeyama	3	26	16/11/2008	31	7	2	21	1	9	40	8	0	0	0
Shinya Makabe	4	25	21/11/2009	6	2	0	6	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Hitoshi Ono	5	34	16/05/2004	58	11	6	34	3	21	50	10	0	0	0
Yuta Mochizuki	6	30	28/04/2012	4	1	0	4	0	0	10	2	0	0	0
Takamichi Sasaki	7	28	29/04/2007	10	2	1	6	0	4	20	4	0	0	0
Michael Leitch	8	23	16/11/2008	25	5	2	17	1	7	35	7	0	0	0
Atsushi Hiwasa	9	25	30/04/2011	12	7	1	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kosei Ono	10	25	22/04/2007	9	3	0	5	0	4	20	2	2	2	0
Hirotohi Onozawa	11	34	17/06/2001	71	8	5	37	3	31	255	51	0	0	0
Harumichi Tatekawa	12	22	28/04/2012	4	2	0	4	0	0	11	1	3	0	0
Tomohiro Senba	13	29	28/04/2012	4	0	0	4	0	0	10	2	0	0	0
Toshiaki Hirose (C)	14	30	29/04/2007	5	0	0	5	0	0	25	5	0	0	0
Ayumu Goromaru	15	26	16/04/2005	15	5	0	10	0	5	111	9	33	0	0
Total				269	62	18	173	9	87	617	108	38	2	0
Ryuhei Arita	16	23	28/04/2012	4	1	0	4	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Hiroshi Yamashita	17	26	25/04/2009	10	7	1	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Shoji Ito	18	31	28/04/2012	4	3	0	4	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Takashi Kikutani	19	32	05/11/2005	48	6	5	29	1	18	115	23	0	0	0
Jun Fujii	20	29	28/04/2012	4	1	0	4	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Ryan Nicholas	21	33	26/04/2008	35	1	4	22	1	12	193	9	53	14	0
Yasunori Nagatomo	22	27	01/05/2010	7	4	0	7	0	0	20	4	0	0	0

Records For Japan

Caps

79 - Yukio Motoki
71 - Hirotohi Onozawa
61 - Takeomi Ito

Tries

69 - Daisuke Ohata
49 - Hirotohi Onozawa
28 - Terunori Masuho

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