



PNC MATCH PREVIEW

TONGA



SAMOA

Wednesday 13th July 2011, KO: 12:40
Churchill Park, Lautoka

Headlines

- Samoa need 13 points for 1,000 against Tonga.
- Samoa have won all five matches played against Tonga in the IRB Pacific Nations Cup, scoring 157 points and conceding 54.
- Samoa have the best overall record of the four competing sides, having picked up 12 wins from their 23 matches.
- Tonga full back VUNGAKOTO LILO has scored seven tries in the PNC and needs just one more to claim second place behind HOSEA GEAR who stands on 11 tournament tries.
- This will be Lilo's 15th consecutive appearance in the competition.
- Tonga's KURT MORATH is the leading scorer in this year's tournament with 37 points. He needs 24 points to become only the second person to 100 points in PNC history.

Let's get physical

Team	Average Age of Starting XV	Average Height (cm)	Average Height of Pack	Players 185 cm or taller	Average Weight (kg)	Average Weight of Pack	Players 100 kg +
Samoa	27 years 9 months	186	190	8	102	113	7
Tonga	27 years 10 months	187	189	10	101	106	6

- There is little between the two sides on age or height in the line out but Samoa are on average seven kg per man heavier in the scrum.

The tall guys

- Tonga lock forward JOSEPH TUINEAU is the tallest player on the pitch at 203 cm (6ft 7ins) and stands six cm above his opposite number JONATHAN FA'AMATUAINI.

The powerhouse unit

- The combined weight of the Samoan pack is 903 kg, which gives them an advantage of 53 kg over Tonga in the scrum.
- Samoa's heaviest player is tighthead prop CENSUS JOHNSTON at 135 kg (21st 4lbs) and is 17 kg heavier than his direct opponent in the scrum, FAKAANAUA TAUMALOLO.

The man in the middle

- KEITH BROWN of New Zealand takes charge of this match, his fourth in the IRB Pacific Nations Cup and his fourth involving Samoa, who lost 34-17 to Fiji and 20-15 to Australia A in 2008 and beat Japan 34-15 in the first round of matches this year.

2011 PNC Records

>> Points

Points	Player
37	Kurt Morath Tonga
19	James So'oialo Samoa
18	Nicky Little Fiji

>> Tries

Tries	Player
2	Alesana Tuilagi Samoa
2	Sekonaia Kalou Fiji
2	Ryu Holani Japan

All Time PNC Records

>> Points

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

>> Tries

Tries	Player
11	Hosea Gear Junior All Blacks / New Zealand Maori
7	Anthony Tuitavake Junior All Blacks
7	Lachie Turner Australia A
7	Vungakoto Lilo Tonga

PNC Facts & Figures

Pacific Nations Cup Experience

- Samoa's line up has made a total of 56 starting appearances in IRB Pacific Nations Cup tournaments, with 27 wins and 29 defeats between them. Lock forward FILIPPO LEVI is their most experienced player having made 15 starting appearances, with six wins and nine defeats.
- FILIPPO LEVI is top of the appearances chart having played in 18 PNC matches (alongside SUNIA KOTO of Fiji).
- Tonga's line up has 59 starting appearances between them, with 15 wins and 44 defeats. Full back VUNGAKOTO LILO is their most experienced IRB Pacific Nations Cup player, with 15 starting appearances and two wins. He has scored seven tries in total, including one in last year's 24-23 defeat to Samoa.

IRB Pacific Nations Cup Facts and figures

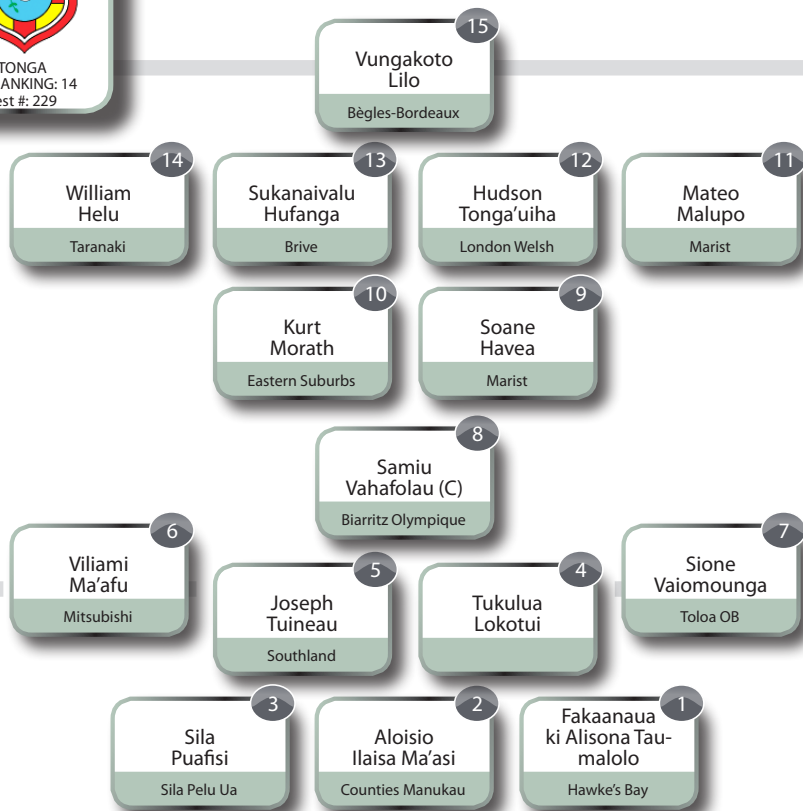
Samoa:

- The most points in a Samoa match was 68 in their first ever game against the Junior All Blacks when they also suffered their heaviest defeat, 56-12.
- The lowest points scored in the history of the tournament was 11 between Samoa and Fiji in 2008, when Samoa won 8-3.
- Have scored 72 tries in 23 matches played, the highest of the four competing teams.
- The biggest win by Samoa over Tonga was 50-3 in 2007 and there are three survivors in the Samoa line up from that match; CENSUS JOHNSTON and DAVID LEMI, who both scored two tries in that match and FILIPO LEVI.

Tonga:

- Conceded 132 points to penalties, the highest of any team.
- The most points in a Tonga match was 97 against Australia A in 2008, which also marked their heaviest defeat as they lost 90-7.
- The least points in a Tonga match was 29 against New Zealand Maori in 2008, when they lost 20-9.
- Have received 17 yellow cards in their 23 PNC matches, 10 more than any other team.
- Have collected seven losing bonus points in total, three more than any other side.
- VUNGAKOTO LILO has scored 49 points in PNC competition, including seven tries.
- If they concede five tries against Samoa they will be the second team after Japan to have conceded 100 tries overall.

Team Sheets



Replacements

- 16 Ephraim Taukafa (Lyon Olimp. Univ.)
- 17 Maleko Latu (Marist)
- 18 Kelekolio Paino Hehea (Lyon Olimp. Univ.)
- 19 Sione Maake Kalamafoni (Nottingham)
- 20 Samisoni Fislau (Counties Manukau)
- 21 Thomas Palu (Norths)
- 22 Vili longi (Brumby Runners)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 129
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27
 Oldest Player: Ephraim Taukafa (35)
 Youngest Player: Vili longi (21)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 112 kg

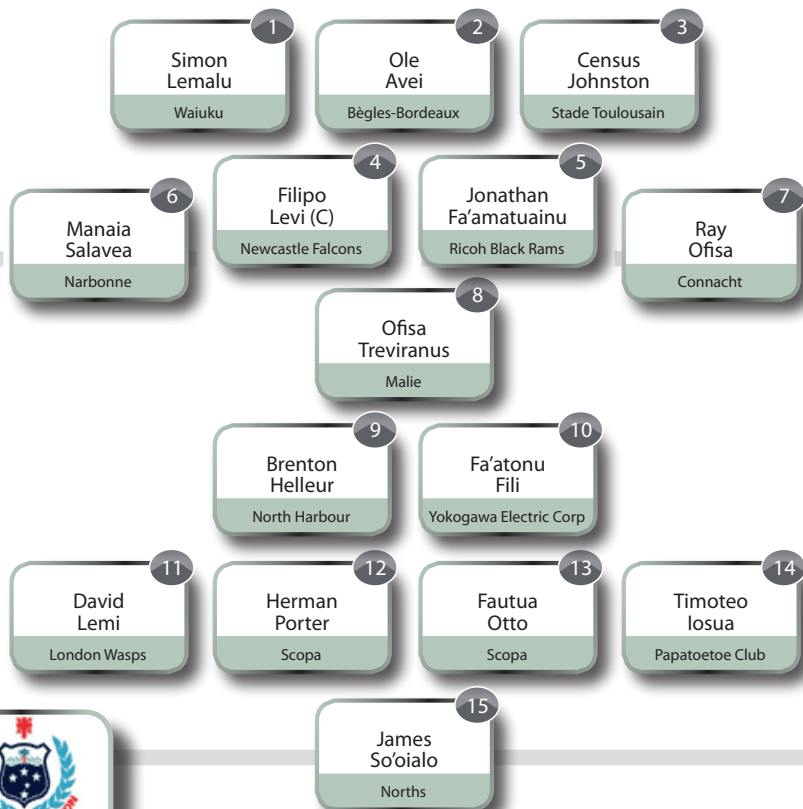
Officials

Referee:
 Keith Brown (New Zealand) - 5 Tests

Tests at Venue: 1 Tests
 Tonga: 0 Tests
 Samoa: 4 Tests
 Test Debut: 07/06/2008 - Fiji v Samoa

Assistant Referee 1:
 Marius Jonker (South Africa)

Assistant Referee 2:
 James Bolabiu (Fiji)



Replacements

- 16 Ti'i Paulo (ASM Clermont Auvergne)
- 17 Logovi'i Mulipola (Havelock North)
- 18 James Johnston
- 19 Afa Aiono (Leulumoega)
- 20 Lualua Vailoaloa (Parramatta)
- 21 Uale Mai (Marist Old Boys)
- 22 Johnny Leota (Old Boys Marist (Manawatu))

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 136
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27
 Oldest Player: Uale Mai (32)
 Youngest Player: James So'oialo (22)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 114 kg



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
12/06/2010	Samoa	24 - 23	Tonga	Apia
23/06/2009	Samoa	27 - 13	Tonga	Lautoka
28/06/2008	Tonga	15 - 20	Samoa	Nuku'alofa
16/09/2007	Samoa	15 - 19	Tonga	Montpellier
23/06/2007	Samoa	50 - 3	Tonga	Apia

Summary

Tonga		57 Matches (4 Draw)	Samoa	
23	Won			30
813	Points			987
34	Tries			102
18	Conversions			62
51	Penalties			87
0	Drop Goals			2

Player Records

For Tonga against Samoa		For Samoa against Tonga	
3 Players - 8	Appearances		12 - Andy Aiolupo
Pierre Hola - 42	Points		59 - Roger Warren
3 Players - 2	Tries		5 - 2 Players
Pierre Hola - 3	Conversions		9 - Silao Laeaga
Pierre Hola - 12	Penalties		15 - Roger Warren
-	Drop Goals		2 - Darren Kellet

Player Records in a Match

For Tonga against Samoa		For Samoa against Tonga	
On 2 Occasions - 14	Points		24 - Roger Warren on 29/05/2004
On 34 Occasions - 1	Tries		4 - On 2 Occasions
On 5 Occasions - 2	Conversions		5 - Silao Laeaga on 29/06/1997
On 2 Occasions - 4	Penalties		8 - Roger Warren on 29/05/2004
-	Drop Goals		1 - On 2 Occasions

Team Records in a Match

For Tonga against Samoa		For Samoa against Tonga	
On 05/07/1986 - 31	Points		62 - On 29/06/1997
On 4 Occasions - 3	Tries		10 - On 29/06/1997
On 5 Occasions - 2	Conversions		6 - On 2 Occasions
On 28/06/2008 - 5	Penalties		8 - On 29/05/2004
-	Drop Goals		1 - On 2 Occasions



Head Coach: Isitolo Maka

Debut: 28/11/2009 v Portugal (W 24-19)
 Winning Ratio: 42.86%
 Average Tries per Match: 3.43

Tonga Record Under Isitolo Maka

3 Wins	0 Drawn	4 Lost
224 For	Points	172 Against
24 For	Tries	18 Against
22 For	Conversions	17 Against
20 For	Penalties	14 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	2 Against

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
09/07/2011	Japan	L 27 28	Suva
02/07/2011	Fiji	W 45 21	Lautoka
08/06/2011	USA	W 44 13	Hersham
29/09/2010	Chile	W 32 30	Santiago
26/06/2010	Japan	L 23 26	Apia
Points For		171	
Points Ag		118	
Tries For		19	
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
Fakaanau Taumalolo	1	29	02/07/2011	2	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Aloisio Ilaisa Ma'asi	2	29	13/06/2009	5	2	1	1	0	4	5	1	0	0	0
Sila Puafisi	3	23	09/07/2011	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tukulua Lokotui	4	31	17/11/2001	3	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Joseph Tuineau	5	29	02/07/2011	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Viliani Ma'afu	6	29	08/06/2011	2	0	0	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Sione Vaiomounga	7	22	28/11/2009	5	3	1	2	0	3	5	1	0	0	0
Samiu Vahafolau (C)	8	33	02/06/2007	7	0	2	4	0	3	10	2	0	0	0
Soane Havea	9	29	16/06/2000	27	8	6	10	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
Kurt Morath	10	26	28/11/2009	7	1	1	3	0	4	106	1	22	19	0
Mateo Malupo	11	23	23/06/2009	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hudson Tonga'uiha	12	27	25/06/2005	23	8	6	7	0	16	30	6	0	0	0
Sukanaivalu Hufanga	13	29	11/07/2003	19	1	3	8	0	11	20	4	0	0	0
William Helu	14	25	19/06/2010	5	0	0	2	0	3	5	1	0	0	0
Vungakoto Lilo	15	28	10/02/2007	19	1	4	6	0	13	52	8	0	4	0
Total				129	27	25	48	0	81	243	26	22	23	0
Ephraim Taukafa	16	35	30/11/2002	28	12	4	13	0	15	30	6	0	0	0
Maleko Latu	17	23	09/07/2011	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelekolio Paino Hehea	18	32	04/06/2006	14	1	3	9	0	5	10	2	0	0	0
Sione Maake Kalamafoni	19	23	10/02/2007	11	1	2	3	0	8	10	2	0	0	0
Samisoni Fisilau	20	23	12/06/2010	5	2	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas Palu	21	24		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vili longi	22	21	08/06/2011	3	0	0	2	0	1	25	5	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
 190 - Sateki Tu'ipulotu
 108 - Siua Taumalolo

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: 4 - 6 players
 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: 5 on 2 Occasions
 Drop Goals: 1 on 8 Occasions



Head Coach: Titimaea Tafua

Debut: 18/06/2009 v Japan (W 34-15)
 Winning Ratio: 47.06%
 Average Tries per Match: 3.71

Samoa Record Under Titimaea Tafua

8 Wins	0 Drawn	9 Lost
469 For	Points	339 Against
63 For	Tries	35 Against
44 For	Conversions	25 Against
22 For	Penalties	35 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	3 Against

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
09/07/2011	Fiji	L 18 36	Suva
02/07/2011	Japan	W 34 15	Tokyo
27/11/2010	Scotland	L 16 19	Aberdeen
20/11/2010	England	L 13 26	London
13/11/2010	Ireland	L 10 20	Dublin
Points For		91	
Points Ag		116	
Tries For		10	
Tries Ag		12	

Player Info For Samoa

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Simon Lemalu	1	30	15/10/2003	12	9	2	6	0	6	5	1	0	0	0
Ole Avei	2	28	02/07/2011	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Census Johnston	3	30	11/06/2005	28	4	5	11	0	17	20	4	0	0	0
Filipo Levi (C)	4	31	19/05/2007	22	3	3	10	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Fa'amatua'inu	5	27	20/11/2005	11	6	1	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Manaia Salavea	6	25	12/06/2010	6	1	1	3	0	3	5	1	0	0	0
Ray Ofisa	7	31		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ofisa Treviranus	8	27	18/06/2009	15	4	1	6	0	9	5	1	0	0	0
Brenton Helleur	9	25		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fa'atonu Fili	10	29	20/06/2003	4	0	0	1	0	3	8	0	1	2	0
David Lemi	11	29	29/05/2004	28	9	7	12	0	16	25	5	0	0	0
Herman Porter	12	24		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fautua Otto	13	25	12/06/2010	4	4	1	2	0	2	5	1	0	0	0
Timoteo Iosua	14	24	17/06/2006	3	2	0	2	0	1	15	3	0	0	0
James So'oialo	15	22	02/07/2011	2	0	0	1	0	1	19	0	5	3	0
Total				136	43	21	60	0	76	107	16	6	5	0
Ti'i Paulo	16	28	20/11/2010	4	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Logovi'i Mulipola	17	24	18/07/2009	4	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
James Johnston	18	25	28/06/2008	2	1	1	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Afa Aiono	19	22	18/07/2009	5	3	0	2	0	3	5	1	0	0	0
Lualua Vailoalua	20	29	11/06/2005	3	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Uale Mai	21	32	28/06/2008	15	7	2	8	0	7	22	4	1	0	0
Johnny Leota	22	27	09/07/2011	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Records For Samoa

Caps

65 - Brian Lima
 60 - To'o Vaega
 59 - Semo Sititi

Tries

31 - Brian Lima
 17 - Semo Sititi
 15 - Afato So'oialo

Points

184 - Earl Va'a
 172 - Andy Aiulupo
 160 - Silao Leaega

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 30 - Gavin Williams v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Tries: 4 - 4 players
 Conversions: 10 - Gavin Williams v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Penalties: 8 - Roger Warren v Tonga on 29/05/2004
 Drop Goals: 1 - 9 players

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 115 v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Tries: 17 v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Conversions: 15 v Papua New Guinea on 11/07/2009
 Penalties: 8 v Tonga on 29/05/2004
 Drop Goals: 1 on 9 Occasions