



PNC MATCH PREVIEW

SAMOA



FIJI

Saturday 9th July 2011, KO: 15:10
National Stadium, Suva

Headlines

- Fiji have won three and lost two against Samoa in the IRB Pacific Nations Cup. Samoa won 31-9 in the final match in last year's competition, which saw them lift the trophy for the first time after they had lost to Japan in their second match of the tournament.
- Samoa have the best overall record of the four competing sides, having picked up 12 wins from their 22 matches compared to 10 for Fiji.
- There were only 11 points scored when the two sides met in the 2007 tournament, which is the lowest of any match played. Samoa won that match 8-3. Their captain this weekend, MAHONRI SCHWALGER, scored the only try of the match.
- Fiji fly half NICKY LITTLE is their all time leading points scorer with 663 and has made 66 appearances, also a Fijian record, but this is only his second appearance in the PNC.
- Fiji full back TANIELA RAWAQA is the leading points scorer in the history of the tournament and needs just two more points to be the first player to score 100 overall.

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 +
Fiji	27 years 0 months	187	189	8	103	111	12
Samoa	29 years 10 months	187	191	9	104	114	10

- Samoa are on average nearly three years per man older than their opponents and have a small average advantage on height in the line out and weight in the scrum.

The tall guys

- Fiji's second row forward LEONE NAKARAWA is the tallest player on the pitch at 199 cm (6ft 6ins) but is only one cm above Samoan number eight TAIASINA TUIFUA.

The powerhouse

- The combined weight of the Samoan pack is 908 kg, which gives them an advantage of 24 kg over their Fijian opponents in the scrum.
- Samoa's heaviest player is tighthead prop LOGOVI'I MULIPOLA at 124 kg (19st 7lbs) and is four kg heavier than his opposite number, DEACON MANU.

2011 PNC Records

>> Points

Points	Player
20	Kurt Morath Tonga
14	James So'oialo Samoa
11	Nicky Little Fiji

>> Tries

Tries	Player
2	Alesana Tuilagi Samoa
1	10 Players

All Time PNC Records

>> Points

Points	Player
98	Taniela Rawaqa Fiji
88	James Arlidge Japan
75	Pierre Hola 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

IRB Pacific Nations Cup Experience

- Fiji's line up has made a total of 36 starting appearances in IRB Pacific Nations Cup tournaments, with 16 wins and 20 defeats between them. Full back TANIELA RAWAQA is their most experienced PNC campaigner, with 12 starting appearances and seven wins. He scored 14 points in the 34-17 win over Samoa in 2008, including a try and is the leading all time scorer in the tournament with 98 points.
- Samoa's line up has made a total of 80 starting appearances in IRB Pacific Nations Cup tournaments, with 45 wins and 35 defeats between them. Captain MAHONRI SCHWALGER has made 15 starting appearances, with eight wins and seven defeats, and is the only player to have featured in all five tournaments. Scrum half UALE MAI scored a try in last year's 31-9 win over Fiji, whilst left winger DAVID LEMI also scored a try against Fiji, in their 34-17 defeat in 2008.

The man in the middle

- MARIUS JONKER of South Africa is in charge of this match, his second in the IRB Pacific Nations Cup. He officiated in Samoa's 56-12 defeat to the Junior All Blacks in the inaugural tournament in 2006, a match in which MAHONRI SCHWALGER played for the Samoans.

IRB Pacific Nations Cup Facts and figures

- The lowest points scored in a match in the history of the tournament was 11 between Samoa and Fiji in 2008, when Samoa won 8-3.

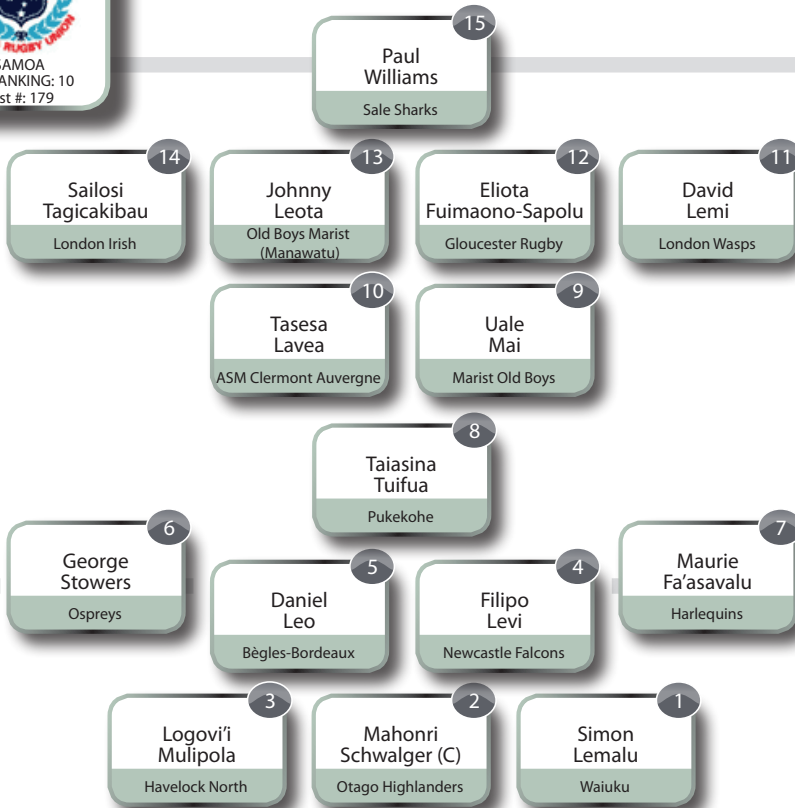
Fiji:

- There has only been one drawn match in the 58 played in PNC competition – between Fiji and Australia A in 2007, which ended 14-14.
- TANIELA RAWAQA needs two more points to be the first player to reach 100 points in total.
- One of only two teams to have a man sent off in the competition – MOSESE LUVEITASAU against Samoa in 2006.

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.
- Have scored 70 tries in 22 matches played, the highest of the four competing teams.
- Only received five yellow cards in 22 matches.

Team Sheets



Replacements

- 16 Tifi Paulo (ASM Clermont Auvergne)
- 17 Anthony Perenise (Norths)
- 18 Ezra Taylor (Connacht)
- 19 Ofisa Treviranus (Malie)
- 20 Lualua Vailoaloa (Parramatta)
- 21 Tusi Pisi (Suntory Sungoliath)
- 22 James So'oialo (Norths)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 203
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 29
 Oldest Player: Uale Mai (32)
 Youngest Player: James So'oialo (22)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 115 kg

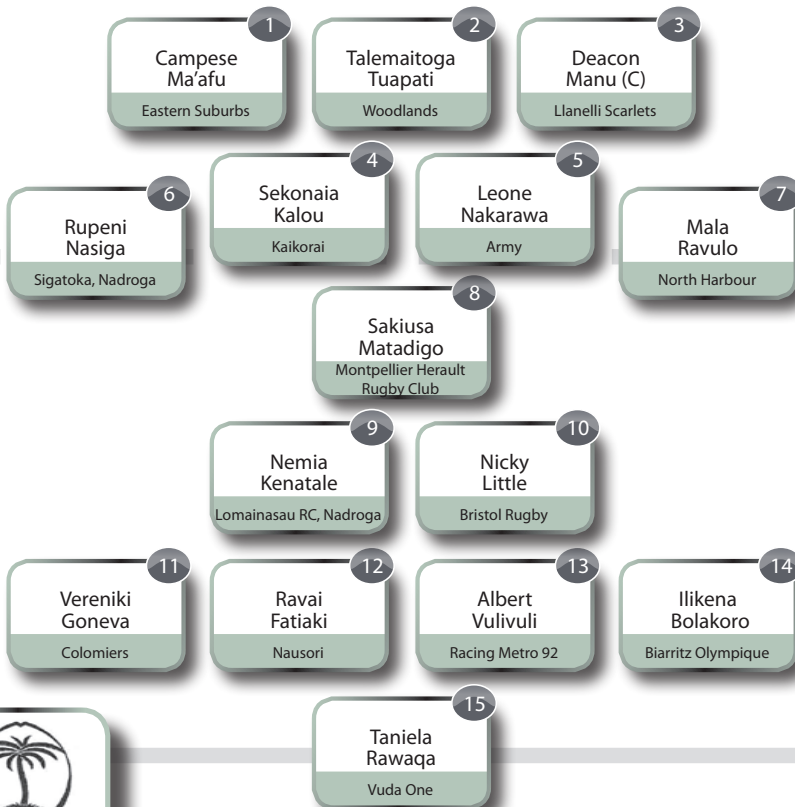
Officials

Referee:
 Marius Jonker (South Africa) - 23 Tests

Tests at Venue: 0 Tests
 Samoa: 0 Tests
 Fiji: 4 Tests
 Test Debut: 20/08/2005 - Uganda v Zimbabwe

Assistant Referee 1:
 Keith Brown (New Zealand)

Assistant Referee 2:
 James Bolabiu (Fiji)



Replacements

- 16 Viliame Veikoso (Navoci)
- 17 Penijamini Makutu (Cuvu)
- 18 Josefa Domolailai (Bobigny)
- 19 Samu Bola (Lomaiviti)
- 20 Vitori Buatava (Badia ASD)
- 21 Waisea Luveniyali (London Welsh)
- 22 Adriu Delai (Sigatoka, Nadroga)

Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 151
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 27
 Oldest Player: Nicky Little (34)
 Youngest Player: Penijamini Makutu (22)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 111 kg



Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result	Team B	Venue
26/06/2010	Fiji	9 31	Samoa	Apia
27/06/2009	Samoa	14 19	Fiji	Lautoka
07/06/2008	Fiji	34 17	Samoa	Lautoka
19/05/2007	Samoa	8 3	Fiji	Apia
24/06/2006	Fiji	23 20	Samoa	Suva

Summary

Samoa	45 Matches (2 Draw)	Fiji
17	Won	26
725	Points	849
91	Tries	124
41	Conversions	50
74	Penalties	72
4	Drop Goals	6

Player Records

For Samoa against Fiji	Appearances	For Fiji against Samoa
Brian Lima - 15	Points	12 - Nicky Little
Taufusi Salesa - 62	Tries	99 - Nicky Little
Brian Lima - 7	Conversions	5 - 2 Players
Taufusi Salesa - 6	Penalties	15 - Nicky Little
Taufusi Salesa - 13	Drop Goals	23 - Nicky Little
4 Players - 1		3 - Opeti Turuva

Player Records in a Match

For Samoa against Fiji	Points	For Fiji against Samoa
On 2 Occasions - 21	Tries	23 - Nicky Little on 08/07/2001
Brian Lima on 01/06/1991 - 3	Conversions	3 - Eramasi Lovodua on 30/08/1963
On 3 Occasions - 4	Penalties	4 - On 2 Occasions
Roger Warren on 30/07/2005 - 5	Drop Goals	7 - Nicky Little on 08/07/2001
On 4 Occasions - 1		3 - Opeti Turuva on 02/07/1994

Team Records in a Match

For Samoa against Fiji	Points	For Fiji against Samoa
On 01/06/1991 - 40	Tries	60 - On 20/07/1996
On 5 Occasions - 5	Conversions	12 - On 05/09/1963
On 3 Occasions - 4	Penalties	4 - On 2 Occasions
On 30/07/2005 - 5	Drop Goals	7 - On 08/07/2001
On 4 Occasions - 1		3 - On 02/07/1994



Head Coach: Titimaea Tafua

Debut: 18/06/2009 v Japan (W 34-15)
Winning Ratio: 50.00%
Average Tries per Match: 3.81

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Score		Venue
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
30/10/2010	Japan	W	13	10	Tokyo
			Points For	86	
			Points Ag	90	
			Tries For	9	
			Tries Ag	8	

Samoa Record Under Titimaea Tafua

8 Wins	0 Drawn	8 Lost
451 For	Points	303 Against
61 For	Tries	30 Against
43 For	Conversions	21 Against
20 For	Penalties	34 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	3 Against

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	11	9	1	6	0	5	5	1	0	0	0
Mahonri Schwalger (C)	2	32	11/11/2000	34	7	5	15	0	19	20	4	0	0	0
Logovi'i Mulipola	3	24	18/07/2009	3	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Filipo Levi	4	31	19/05/2007	21	3	4	10	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel Leo	5	28	11/06/2005	24	4	4	13	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
George Stowers	6	32	11/11/2001	17	0	3	7	0	10	15	3	0	0	0
Maurie Fa'asavalu	7	31	06/07/2002	8	1	0	4	0	4	10	2	0	0	0
Taiasina Tuifua	8	26	02/07/2011	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uale Mai	9	32	28/06/2008	14	7	2	8	0	6	22	4	1	0	0
Tasesa Lavea	10	31	13/11/2010	4	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
David Lemi	11	29	29/05/2004	27	9	6	12	0	15	25	5	0	0	0
Eliota Fuiamaono-Sapolu	12	30	20/11/2005	17	2	3	8	0	9	15	3	0	0	0
Johnny Leota	13	27		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sailosi Tagicakibau	14	28	12/07/2003	16	1	2	8	0	8	30	6	0	0	0
Paul Williams	15	28	12/06/2010	6	0	1	2	0	4	27	1	2	6	0
Total				203	46	31	98	0	105	169	29	3	6	0
Ti'i Paulo	16	28	20/11/2010	3	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Anthony Perenise	17	28	12/06/2010	8	1	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ezra Taylor	18	28	02/07/2011	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ofisa Treviranus	19	27	18/06/2009	14	3	2	6	0	8	5	1	0	0	0
Lualua Vailoaloa	20	29	11/06/2005	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tusi Pisi	21	29	02/07/2011	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James So'oialo	22	22	02/07/2011	1	0	0	1	0	0	14	0	4	2	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 Aiolupo
160 - Silao Leauga

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



Head Coach: Samu Domoni

Debut: 05/06/2010 v Australia (L 3-49)
 Winning Ratio: 25.00%
 Average Tries per Match: 1.50

Recent Matches

2 Wins	1 Drawn	5 Lost
140 For	Points	245 Against
12 For	Tries	27 Against
10 For	Conversions	22 Against
20 For	Penalties	22 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
02/07/2011	Tonga	L 21 45	Lautoka
27/11/2010	Italy	L 16 24	Modena
19/11/2010	Wales	D 16 16	Cardiff
13/11/2010	France	L 12 34	Nantes
26/06/2010	Samoa	L 9 31	Apia
Points For		74	
Points Ag		150	
Tries For		4	
Tries Ag		14	

Player Info For Fiji

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Campese Ma'afu	1	26	05/06/2010	6	0	1	2	1	3	5	1	0	0	0
Talemaitoga Tuapati	2	26	05/06/2010	8	5	1	2	1	5	5	1	0	0	0
Deacon Manu (C)	3	32	14/11/2009	6	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Sekonaia Kalou	4	27	05/06/2010	8	3	1	2	1	5	10	2	0	0	0
Leone Nakarawa	5	23	21/11/2009	5	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Rupeni Nasiga	6	25	05/07/2008	4	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Mala Ravulo	7	27	13/11/2010	3	1	0	0	1	2	5	1	0	0	0
Sakiusa Matadigo	8	28	10/06/2006	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nemia Kenatale	9	25	22/06/2008	9	4	1	4	1	4	5	1	0	0	0
Nicky Little	10	34	02/07/1996	66	8	12	36	0	30	663	2	115	139	2
Vereniki Goneva	11	27	19/05/2007	14	3	2	5	1	8	25	5	0	0	0
Ravai Fatiaki	12	24	03/07/2009	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Albert Vulivuli	13	26	13/11/2010	4	0	0	0	1	3	5	1	0	0	0
Ilikena Bolakoro	14	23	27/06/2009	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taniela Rawaqa	15	25	19/05/2007	14	2	4	7	1	6	98	3	19	15	0
Total				151	33	25	64	9	78	821	17	134	154	2
Viliame Veikoso	16	29	14/11/2009	10	3	1	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	0
Penijamini Makutu	17	22	02/07/2011	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Josefa Domolailai	18	25	05/07/2008	6	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Samu Bola	19	28	13/06/2009	11	5	2	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Vitori Buatava	20	25	19/05/2007	5	4	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Waisea Luveniyali	21	25	16/06/2007	9	0	2	4	0	5	5	0	1	1	0
Adriu Delai	22	27	02/07/2011	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Records For Fiji

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

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

663 - Nicky Little
268 - Severo Koroduadua
221 - Waisale Serevi

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

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

