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# Men's team stats and biographies – Hong Kong qualifier

## **CHILE**

Head coach: Edmundo Olfos

Captain: Felipe Brangier

Nickname: Los Condores Sevens

2019 Series ranking: 16

Did you know...?

- Chile won the Sudamerica Rugby Sevens Series title in January to confirm their place as the invitational team in Las Vegas and Vancouver
- The victory also confirmed their place in the qualifier in Hong Kong where Chile were semi-finalists in 2017 and 2018 events
- Eight of the 2018 qualifier squad have been selected again in 2019
- Six players made their series debuts in Las Vegas, where Chile finished joint-11th. They were joint 15th in Vancouver
- Chile played at RWC Sevens 2018 in San Francisco, winning the Bowl
- There are two sets of brothers in the Chile squad for Hong Kong, one fewer than in Vancouver with Martin Verschae not involved this time

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Edmundo Olfos		03/01/76 (42)			Head coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Head coach for Chile's previous appearances on series in Vancouver and Las Vegas 2016-17 and 2019</li> <li>- Head coach for Chile in last two series qualifiers in 2017 and 2018</li> <li>- Head coach at RWC Sevens 2018 and for the Olympic repechage in 2016</li> <li>- Was a player when Chile last played at RWC Sevens in 2001</li> <li>- Played two events on series in Santiago (2002) and Los Angeles (2004)</li> <li>- Assistant coach for Chile at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2012 (15s)</li> <li>- Head coach of Chile for one test v Argentina in 2007 (15s)</li> <li>- Played 13 tests for Chile from 2001-06 (15s)</li> </ul>
1	Felipe Brangier (captain)		05/11/88 (29)	190	95	Prince of Wales Country Club (Santiago)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Captained Chile in Las Vegas in 2019 but missed Vancouver</li> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2010</li> <li>- Captained at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Gold medallist at Juegos Sudamericanos, Cochabamba 2018</li> <li>- Played 21 tests from 2010-17 (15s)</li> <li>- Played for Chile at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2008 (15s)- Played for Chile at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2008 (15s)</li> </ul>

2	Pedro Verschae		25/10/90 (28)	183	95	Vina RC (Vina del Mar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2019 and played in Vancouver</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Brother Martin also plays for Chile and made his debut in Vancouver – a third brother Matias has previously played for Chile in sevens and 15s</li> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2016 &amp; 2018, scoring two tries in the first two matches of the 2016 edition</li> <li>- Gold medallist at Juegos Sudamericanos, Cochabamba 2018</li> <li>- Played 12 tests from 2013-18 (15s)</li> </ul>
3	Santiago Videla		16/01/98 (21)	175	85	Old Boys (Santiago)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yet to make Chile debut on series</li> <li>- Played six tests for Chile from 2017-18 (15s)</li> <li>- Played one match in Americas Rugby Championship 2019 in March (15s)</li> <li>- Played for Chile at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2017 (15s)</li> </ul>
4	Felipe Neira		08/08/94 (24)	185	82	Old John's (Concepcion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2019 and played in Vancouver</li> <li>- Played in World Series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2016, scoring in his first match</li> <li>- Older brother Francisco is also in the squad</li> <li>- Played one test for Chile (unused replacement in another) in 2015 (15s)</li> </ul>
5	Rodrigo Fernandez		08/02/96 (23)	182	85	COBS (Santiago)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2019 and played in Vancouver</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong qualifier in 2017 (one try) and 2018 (two tries)</li> <li>- Gold medallist at Juegos Sudamericanos, Cochabamba 2018</li> </ul>
6	Pablo Metuaze		21/04/87 (31)	180	82	Vina RC (Vina del Mar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2019 and played in Vancouver</li> <li>- Brother Francisco is also in the squad</li> <li>- Played four tests for Chile in 2011 and one in 2019 (15s)</li> <li>- Played in Americas Rugby Championship v Uruguay in February (15s)</li> </ul>
7	Ignacio Silva		16/02/89 (30)	182	98	Prince of Wales Country Club (Santiago)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played in Las Vegas and Vancouver rounds in 2019</li> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2017</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2017 &amp; 2018 (one try)</li> <li>- Gold medallist at Juegos Sudamericanos, Cochabamba 2018</li> <li>- Played 22 tests for Chile from 2010-19 (15s)</li> <li>- Played two matches in Americas Rugby Championship 2019 (15s)</li> <li>- Played for Chile at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2008 and 2009 (15s)</li> </ul>
8	Francisco Neira		26/06/91 (27)	185	92	Old John's (Concepcion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2019 and played in Vancouver</li> </ul>

							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played in series qualifiers in Hong Kong in 2016 and 2017, scoring two tries in the latter edition</li> <li>- Younger brother Felipe is also in the squad</li> <li>- Played seven tests for Chile from 2012-13 (15s)</li> </ul>
9	Francisco Metuaze		19/12/88 (29)	168	80	Prince of Wales Country Club (Santiago)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brother Pablo is also in the squad</li> <li>- Played in Las Vegas and Vancouver rounds in 2019</li> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2017</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2016, 2017 &amp; 2018, scoring a try in each</li> <li>- Gold medallist at Juegos Sudamericanos, Cochabamba 2018</li> <li>- Played two tests in 2011-12 (15s)</li> <li>- Played for Chile at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2008 (15s)</li> </ul>
10	Francisco Urroz		07/09/93 (25)	190	95	Old Reds (Santiago)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played in Las Vegas round in 2019</li> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2017</li> <li>- Played in Las Vegas and Vancouver in 2017 when Chile were invitational team</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Played in last three World Series qualifiers in Hong Kong, scoring three tries and three conversions</li> <li>- Gold medallist at Juegos Sudamericanos, Cochabamba 2018</li> <li>- Played seven tests for Chile from 2015-19 (15s)</li> <li>- Played last test v USA on 2 February in Americas Rugby Championship (15s)</li> <li>- Played at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2012 and 2013 (15s)</li> </ul>
11	Julio Blanc		06/07/95 (23)	178	75	Old Boys (Santiago)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played in Las Vegas and Vancouver rounds in 2019</li> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2017</li> <li>- Played in Las Vegas and Vancouver in 2017 when Chile were invitational team</li> <li>- Played in last three World Series qualifying tournaments in Hong Kong, scoring five tries in the 2017 edition</li> <li>- Made test debut for Chile in February 2019 and played in the first three rounds of Americas Rugby Championship 2019 (15s)</li> </ul>
12	Benjamin De Vidts		11/04/95 (23)	167	73	Old Boys (Santiago)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played in Las Vegas and Vancouver rounds in 2019</li> <li>- Made Chile debut on series in Las Vegas in 2017</li> </ul>



## COOK ISLANDS

Head coach: Vase Samania

Captain: Stephen Willis

Nickname:

Did you know ...?

- Cook Islands are playing their third series qualifier having previously appeared in 2014 and 2018
- A sixth-place finish at the Oceania Rugby Sevens Championship in November confirmed their place in the qualifier (as second-best non-core team on series)
- The Cook Islands last featured on the world series in 2012 and in a RWC Sevens in 2001
- Only four players in the current squad have played in the qualifier before – captain Stephen Willis, Rob Heather, Matamanea Matapakia and Jason Potoru
- None of the current squad have scored a try in a series qualifier

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Kiliona Samania	Vase Samania	29/01/72 (45)			Head coach	- In his second year in charge of the team – head coach for series qualifier in 2018 - Made series debut in Wellington in 2001 - Also played in Brisbane (2002-03 series), Wellington (2006-07), Adelaide (2007-08) - Played at RWC Sevens in 2001 - Played at Commonwealth Games in 2006 - Played test rugby for Cook Islands (15s)
1	Matamanea Matapakia	Mata Matapakia	06/03/96 (23)	188	98	Tupapa Panthers	- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018 - Played in the two RWC 2019 qualifiers against Hong Kong in 2018 as replacement (15s)
2	Christian Teiva Vainerere	Christian Vainerere	28/10/96 (22)	180	93	West Harbour RC	- Played one RWC 2019 qualifier against Hong Kong at centre in 2018 (15s) - Played in Oceania Rugby U20 Trophy in 2016 (15s)
3	Walter John Koteka	Walter	05/05/92 (26)	165	87	West Scarborough RC	- Played in the two RWC 2019 qualifiers against Hong Kong as scrum-half in 2018 (15s) - Based in Australia
4	Tokerau Raru		10/01/93 (26)	200	95	Avatiu RC	- Born in Australia

							- Played in the two RWC 2019 qualifiers against Hong Kong in 2018 (15s)
5	Jason Poturu		15/06/96 (22)	178	85	Tupapa Panthers	- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018 - Played in Oceania Rugby U20 Trophy in 2016 (15s)
6	Colati Ravula	Tua Ravula	23/03/92 (27)	181	101	Tupapa Maraerenga RC	- Set to make his Cook Islands sevens debut
7	Vaehoolu Leka	Vahefoou Leki	30/09/93 (25)	181	106	Avatiu RC	- Set to make his Cook Islands sevens debut
8	Teina Savage		23/08/86 (22)	186	92		- Born in New Zealand - Made Cook Islands debut on series in Adelaide in 2011 (only event) - Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018
9	Stephen Willis (captain)		26/06/87 (21)	180	85	Arorangi Bears	- Captained Cook Islands in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018 - Played one RWC 2019 qualifier against Tahiti at full-back in 2017 (15s) - Related to Cook Islands 15s player Francis Smith
10	Josua Koroitkana		21/10/88 (30)	172	89	Takuvaine Tutakimoa Sports Club	- Set to make his Cook Islands sevens debut
11	Robert Heather (vice-captain)	Rob	01/04/94 (25)	180	107	Arorangi RC	- Turned 25 on Monday of Hong Kong Sevens week - Brothers David and Sam Heather play 15s for Zimbabwe - Played in the two RWC 2019 qualifiers against Hong Kong in 2018 as flanker (15s)
12	Owen Karati		01/10/92 (26)	197	100	Upper Hut Rams	- Set to make his sevens debut for Cook Islands - New Zealand-based

## GERMANY

Head coach: Vuyo Zangqa

Captain: Samuel Rainger

Nickname:

Did you know ...?

- Germany have finished runners-up in the last two series qualifiers in Hong Kong
- Germany lost last year's dramatic final 19-14 after Japan scored after the hooter had sounded and were beaten 12-7 by Spain in 2017
- Germany were semi-finalists in their first qualifier in 2016
- Ten of the squad have experience of playing in the series qualifier

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Vuyolwetu Zangqa	Vuyo	08/03/83 (36)			Head coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appointed Germany Sevens head coach in July 2017</li> <li>- Coached team to runners-up finish in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018</li> <li>- Former South Africa player from 2007-09, playing 19 events</li> <li>- Career ended in 2009 after suffering serious facial injuries in car accident</li> <li>- Made South Africa debut on series in Hong Kong in 2007</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2009</li> <li>- Assistant coach to Paul Treu with South Africa and Kenya Sevens teams</li> <li>- Backline coach for Southern Kings in Super Rugby in 2017</li> <li>- Coached Lithuania for three months in 2016</li> </ul>
1	Anjo Buckman		01/03/89 (30)	192	100	TSV Handschuhshheim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2016, 2017 (two tries) &amp; 2018</li> <li>- Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> <li>- Played 18 tests at centre for Germany from 2009-15 (15s)</li> </ul>
2	Bastian Himmer		03/09/91 (27)	172	77	RG Heidelberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2016 (two tries), 2017 (three tries) &amp; 2018 (four tries) for nine qualifier tries in total</li> <li>- Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> <li>- Played eight tests for Germany from 2010-17 (15s)</li> </ul>
3	Jonathon Dawe	John	29/01/93 (26)	177	90	Cardiff Met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018, two tries</li> </ul>

							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Read Biomedical Science at Cardiff Metropolitan University</li> <li>- Selected for Great Britain Sevens at World University Championship in Wales in 2016</li> <li>- Played in RWC 2019 repechage tournament against Hong Kong in November 2018 (15s)</li> </ul>
4	Niklas Koch		15/12/97 (21)	176	87	SC Germania List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played on the Rugby Europe GPS in 2018</li> <li>- Former Germany U18 international (15s)</li> </ul>
5	Sebastian Fromm		29/09/94 (24)	184	96	RG Heidelberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2017 (one try) &amp; 2018 (two tries)</li> <li>- Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> <li>- Made one test appearance v Chile in November 2017 (15s)</li> </ul>
6	Fabian Heimpel		21/08/90 (28)	179	86	RG Heidelberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Playing at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2016, 2017 &amp; 2018, scoring one try (2017) and kicking 32 conversions for 69 qualifier points</li> <li>- Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> <li>- Played 11 tests for Germany from 2010-17 (15s)</li> </ul>
7	Jarrold Ellis Saul	Jarrold Saul	11/05/92 (26)	179	91	Hannover 78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gave up Baseball aged 18 to give rugby a try</li> <li>- Arrived in Germany from Australia in November 2013</li> <li>- Suffered a broken foot three times between 2015 and 2016</li> </ul>
8	Robert Haase		10/09/95 (23)	187	93	Hausen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at Hong Kong series qualifier in 2016</li> <li>- Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> </ul>
9	Tim Biniak		16/06/93 (25)	192	88	RK Heusenstamm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played in the series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2016 (three tries) and 2017 (one try)</li> <li>- Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> <li>- Scored two tries in his only test for Germany v Czechia in 2014 (15s)</li> </ul>
10	Samuel Rainger (captain)	Sam	27/03/91 (28)	180	82	RK Heusenstamm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2016, scoring three tries in run to semi-finals</li> <li>- Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> </ul>
11	Claude Brechenmacher		01/09/95 (23)	177	80	AS Macon Rugby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2018, scoring one try</li> <li>- Plays his club rugby in France's third tier competition, Federale 1</li> </ul>
12	Tim Lichtenberg		02/02/97 (22)	180	87	RG Heidelberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2017 (one try) &amp; 2018 (two tries)</li> <li>- Played one test on the left wing for Germany against Chile in 2017 (15s)</li> </ul>

## HONG KONG

Head coach: Paul John

Captain: Max Woodward

Did you know...?

- Hong Kong were runners up to Japan in the series qualifier in 2016, having been semi-finalists in 2014
- Hong Kong qualified for RWC Sevens 2018 through the Asia Rugby Sevens Series 2017
- Hong Kong coach Paul John was in charge of Wales when they won RWC Sevens 2009 in Dubai
- Eight of the squad have experience of playing in the series qualifier

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Paul John		25/01/70 (49)			Head coach	- Third year as Hong Kong coach - Coached Wales to RWC Sevens title in 2009 - Coached Wales at RWC Sevens 2013 - Played 10 tests for Wales between 1994-98 (15s)
1	Max Woodward		27/10/90 (28)	182	92	Valley	- Made Hong Kong debut on series in Tokyo in 2015 - Only other series event was in Singapore in 2017 - Played in series qualifier in 2015 and 2017 (two tries) - Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016 - Played 14 tests at centre from 2014-18 (15s) - Among these are seven RWC 2019 qualifiers in 2018, across Asia Rugby Championship, play-off with Cook Islands and Repechage tournament (15s)
2	Michael Coverdale		12/03/95 (24)	185	87	HKFC	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Hong Kong debut on series in Tokyo in 2014 - Won gold medal at Asian Games 2018 - Played at Hong Kong series qualifier 2015, 2016 (two tries), 2017 (one try) & 2018 (two tries)
3	Lee Jones		29/06/85 (33)	183	92	Valley	- Played at RWC Sevens 2013 and 2018 - Made Hong Kong debut on series in Hong Kong in 2012 - Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2015, 2016 & 2017 (one try)

							- Born in New Zealand
4	Alexander McQueen	Alex	25/05/88 (30)	183	85	HKU Sandy Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made World Series debut in Dubai in 2009</li> <li>- Played in RWC Sevens 2009 &amp; 2013</li> <li>- Played in the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2015 (three tries) &amp; 2016 (two tries)</li> <li>- Played in 2016 Olympics Repechage</li> <li>- 39 caps at Sevens (2009-)</li> <li>- 33 caps at 15s (2008-2017)</li> <li>- Born in Hong Kong</li> <li>- Brother of Tom McQueen</li> </ul>
5	James Hood	Jamie	13/11/86 (32)	180	84	HKFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Hong Kong debut on series in Hong Kong in 2011</li> <li>- Last of five series events was in Singapore in 2017</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2013 and 2018</li> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (four tries in 2016, one apiece at the rest), also kicked 14 conversions</li> <li>- Gold medallist at Asian Games in rugby sevens in 2018</li> <li>- Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> <li>- Helped Hong Kong reach RWC 2019 repechage by beating Cook Islands in July 2018 (15s)</li> <li>- Started playing rugby at Stewart's Melville College Edinburgh, aged 11</li> </ul>
6	Ka To Cado LEE	Cado Lee	27/12/91 (27)	170	75	USRC Tigers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 24 tests (15s), 2013-</li> <li>- Played in RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made World Series debut in HK in 2013</li> <li>- Played in World Series qualifier in HK in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018</li> <li>- Played in 2016 Olympics Repechage</li> <li>- Gold medal winner at 2018 Asian Games</li> <li>- Became the first HK player to be recruited by a Japanese Top League club when joined NEC Green Rockets in Aug 2017</li> <li>- Started playing rugby when he was 12 at Ashville College in UK</li> </ul>
7	John Joseph Neville	Jack	16/05/92 (26)	178	84	Kowloon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played in World Series qualifier in 2018, yellow card v Zimbabwe</li> <li>- Joined HK's elite rugby programme in July 2016</li> <li>- Made Sevens debut for HK in Asia Seven in 2017</li> </ul>
8	Sebastian Riley Brien	Seb Brien	20/08/94 (24)	178	88	HKU Sandy Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made his Hong Kong debut at the Asia Sevens Series in September 2017, scoring five tries on the first day of his maiden tournament in HK</li> </ul>

							- Moved back to Hong Kong in 2015 after living there for five years as a youngster. Born in England.
9	Thomas McQueen	Tom	03/11/89 (29)	178	85	HKU Sandy Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made his World Series debut in HK in 2008; also appeared there in 2009, 2010, 2012 &amp; 2013</li> <li>- Played in World Series qualifier in HK in 2015</li> <li>- Played in Tokyo Sevens on the World Series in 2012 &amp; 2015</li> <li>- Played in RWC Sevens in 2009 and 2013</li> <li>- Played in 2016 Olympic Repechage</li> <li>- 16 Tests in 15s, 2010-2015</li> </ul>
10	Raef Morrison		04/07/95 (23)	185	97	HKFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Returned to the Hong Kong sevens programme after four years away studying at the University of Edinburgh</li> <li>- Played at the World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2014 &amp; 2015</li> </ul>
11	Russell Webb		30/12/93 (25)	173	80	Hong Kong FC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at the World Series qualifier in HK in 2018, kicking one conversion</li> <li>- Was coached by USA 15s head coach Jack Clark at the University of California</li> </ul>
12	Yiu Kam Shing	Salom Yiu Kam Shing	04/02/88 (31)	183	76	USRC Tigers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2013 and 2018</li> <li>- Made Hong Kong debut on series in Hong Kong in 2010</li> <li>- Helped Hong Kong reach RWC 2019 repechage by beating Cook Islands in July 2018 (15s)</li> </ul>

*Information correct at time of publication.*

## IRELAND

Head coach: Stan McDowell

Captain: Billy Dardis

Did you know...?

- Ireland were semi-finalists at the series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018, losing to eventual winners Japan Won Rugby Europe Sevens Grand Prix Series for first time in 2018, finishing 16 points clear of Germany after winning three of the four rounds
- Ireland played as the invitational team at the London and Paris rounds of 2018 series, winning the bronze medal in London
- Ireland won 23 of their 24 matches across the GPS, only losing to England in the Exeter semi-final for a new record tally of 76 series points. They scored 120 tries and conceded only 22
- Ireland secured a 24-14 win over Australia in the Challenge final to finish ninth at RWC Sevens 2018

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	Stan McDowell		10/02/71 (48)			Head coach	- Been professional sevens coach with IRFU for six years – identifying and attracting players for men’s and women’s programmes - Coached Ireland men’s team to bronze medal in London last month - European Cup winner as a player with Ulster in 1999 (15s)
1	John O’Donnell		24/06/93 (25)	183	94	Lansdowne	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Ireland debut on series in London in 2018 - Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2018
2	Adam Leavy		21/09/95 (24)	184	90	Lansdowne	- Made his Ireland Sevens debut on Rugby Europe Sevens Grand Prix Series in Exeter in 2017 - Brother of Ireland international Dan Leavy - Won the All-Ireland League with his club Lansdowne (15s)
3	Harry McNulty		05/03/93 (24)	188	94	UCD	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Ireland debut on series in London in 2018 - Made Ireland Sevens debut in Rugby Europe Conference in 2015 and has played in ever senior event Ireland have been involved in since - Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2018, two tries
4	Foster Horan		03/11/92 (26)	180	90	Lansdowne	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Ireland debut on series in London in 2018

							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at World Rugby U20 Championship in 2012 (15s)</li> <li>- All-Ireland League winner with his club Lansdowne (15s)</li> </ul>
5	Ian Fitzpatrick		25/08/94 (24)	182	91	Lansdowne / Leinster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Ireland debut on series in London in 2018</li> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2018, scoring four tries</li> <li>- Played at World Rugby U20 Championship in 2014 (15s)</li> </ul>
6	William Dardis (captain)	Billy	31/01/95 (23)	178	87	UCD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Ireland debut on series in London in 2018</li> <li>- Ireland Sevens captain for past two seasons</li> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2018</li> <li>- Played at World Rugby U20 Championship in 2014 and 2015 (15s)</li> </ul>
7	Jordan Conroy		10/03/94 (25)	189	78	Buccaneers/Connacht	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Ireland debut on series in London in 2018</li> <li>- One of the fastest players in Irish rugby, he scored 11 tries in 10 appearances across the London and Paris Sevens in 2018</li> <li>- Started playing rugby at age of 19</li> </ul>
8	Hugo Keenan		18/06/96 (22)	185	88	UCD/Leinster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Ireland debut on series in London in 2018</li> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2018</li> <li>- Runner-up at World Rugby U20 Championship 2016 (15s)</li> </ul>
9	Terry Kennedy		04/07/96 (22)	183	84	St Marys RFC/Leinster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Ireland debut on series in London in 2018</li> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2018, scoring five tries</li> <li>- Runner-up at World Rugby U20 Championship 2016 (15s)</li> <li>- Father Terry played for Ireland, winning 13 caps from 1978-81 (15s)</li> </ul>
10	Gregory O'Shea	Greg	23/03/95 (24)	180	85	Shannon / Munster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Ireland debut on series in Paris in 2018</li> </ul>
11	Mark Roche		25/01/93 (26)	172	85	Blackrock College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2018</li> <li>- Played for Ireland at U18, U20 and Ireland Clubs' XV</li> <li>- Made sevens debut v Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2015</li> </ul>
12	Bryan Mollen		25/09/95 (23)	189	93	Dublin University FC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Ireland debut on series in London in 2018</li> <li>- Played at Hong Kong series qualifier in 2018</li> </ul>

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## JAMAICA

Head coach: Huntley Anderson

Captain: Ashley Smith

Nickname: Reggae Crocs

Did you know...?

- Jamaica are playing in their third consecutive series qualifier in Hong Kong
- They secured their place by winning the Rugby Americas North Sevens title in 2018
- Jamaica qualified for RWC Sevens 2018 by winning the Rugby Americas North Sevens in November 2017 – the first Caribbean team to qualify for RWC Sevens
- Ashley Smith takes over the captaincy from Conan Osborne

Shirt #	Full name	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Huntley Anderson				Head coach	
1	Dyneal Fessal	03/07/92 (26)	195	113	Apache 7s	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Played in World Series qualifier in HK in 2018, one try Used to train with former 4x100m Olympic gold medallist Dennis Mitchell for 400m - Father is 2014 Guinness World Record holder for longest badminton doubles game - Studying for Masters in Sports Psychology – hopes to develop programme for injured athletes
2	Omar Dixon	09/12/90 (28)	185	88		- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018 - Cousin of Jamaican sprinter Asafa Powell
3	Samuel Caven	18/09/96 (22)	177	90		- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018 - Bronze medallist in the CACSO Games in 2018 - Gold medallist in RAN Sevens in 2018 - Started playing rugby aged four, in his home city of Bristol
4	Marcus Webber	29/10/93 (25)	170	83	King Prawn 7s	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018
5	Gareth Stoppani	11/04/90 (28)	179	88		- Played in the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2017, one try

						- Played at Commonwealth Games 2018, where Jamaica made their debut - Turns 29 next week
6	Conan Osborne	19/03/93 (26)	185	93	Richmond, ENG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Captained Jamaica to RAN Sevens title, scoring the winning try in final – which earned a nomination for Sportsperson of the Year in Jamaica</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018</li> <li>- Has a Masters in Business from Bath University, degree in politics and international relations</li> <li>- Played rugby in USA with Santa Monica Dolphins and Glendale Raptors</li> </ul>
7	Mikel Facey	30/06/00 (18)	188	83	YCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Played at Commonwealth Games 2018, where Jamaica made their debut</li> <li>- Younger brother of Miguel Facey, who played alongside him at RWC Sevens</li> <li>- Youngest member of the squad</li> </ul>
8	Oshane Eddie	05/01/91 (28)	167	71	St Catherines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018</li> <li>- Jamaican born</li> </ul>
9	Ashley Smith (captain)	18/06/91 (27)	191	98		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Takes over the captaincy from Conan Osborne</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Previously played for London Welsh, helping them to promotion to English Premiership</li> <li>- Played in RAN Sevens 2017 in Mexico</li> <li>- Played at the Commonwealth Games in 2018</li> <li>- Paternal grandfather born and raised in Jamaica</li> </ul>
10	James Gordon	30/08/94 (24)	183	92		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cousin of former England Sevens star Marcel Garvey</li> <li>- Bronze medallist in the CACSO Games in 2018</li> </ul>
11	Tyler Bush	13/05/96 (22)	187	90	Unattached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Played at Commonwealth Games 2018, where Jamaica made their debut</li> <li>- Born in Hammersmith, London (ENG), his grandparents were born in Jamaica</li> </ul>
12	Mason Caton-Brown	24/05/93 (25)	183	89		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Had spells in Rugby League with Wakefield, Salford, London Broncos and, most recently, Toronto Wolfpack</li> </ul>

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## PHILIPPINES

Head coach: Frano Botica

Captain: Danny Matthews

Nickname: The Volcanoes

World Series record:

Did you know ...?

- Competing in their first series qualifier after booking their place thanks to a bronze medal finish on the Asia Rugby Sevens Series in 2018
- Became the first Philippine national team to qualify for any world championships when they qualified for RWC Sevens 2013
- Gold medallists at the South East Asia Games in 2015

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Frano Botica		03/08/63 (55)			Head coach	- Appointed head coach in 2016 - Won RWC 1987 with New Zealand (15s) - Played seven tests for New Zealand from 1986-89 (15s) - Member of first New Zealand team to win the Hong Kong Sevens in 1986 - Enjoyed a highly decorated career as a player in Rugby League with Wigan, scoring over 2,000 points - Son Ben Botica plays professional rugby in France (15s)
1	Mark Roberts		06/11/91 (27)	173	71	Gordon Highlanders	- Played on the Asia Rugby Sevens Series in 2018
2	Clifford Dawson	Joe	09/05/90 (28)	180	83	Eagles	- Played on the Asia Rugby Sevens Series in 2018 - Team manager for Philippines women's sevens team
3	Vincent Young		12/07/94 (24)	183	86	Bangalow	- Played two tests at full-back for the Philippines in August 2018 (15s)
4	Tim Bweheni		21/03/87 (32)	187	94	Eagles	- Played test rugby for the Philippines from 2016-18 (15s) - Played on the Asia Rugby Sevens Series in 2018
5	Tim Berry		19/03/93 (26)	173	76	Balmain	- Played on the Asia Sevens Series in 2018

6	Jonico Hardwick	Joni	01/11/95 (23)	183	90	West Harbour Pirates, Sydney	- Has played Rugby League for the Philippines - Had a professional trial with Honda Heat in Japan
7	Patrice Olivier		07/01/90 (29)	191	98		- Made Philippines debut on series in Hong Kong in 2012 (only event) - Played at RWC Sevens 2013
8	Donald Coleman		09/10/97 (21)	180	95	North Shore	- Played on the Asia Sevens Series in 2018
9	Daniel Matthews	Danny	08/09/92 (26)	177	79	West ACT	- Played one test for Philippines at fly-half v Singapore in 2018 (15s) - Captained the sevens side in 2017
10	Ryan Howe		27/05/92 (26)	174	81	Greerton Marist	- Played on the Asia Sevens Series in 2018
11	Justin Coveney		02/05/85 (33)	189	102	Chubu Electronic Power	- Made Philippines debut on series in Hong Kong in 2012 (only event) - Played at RWC Sevens 2013 - Played test rugby for the Philippines from 2013-14 (15s)
12	Robert Fogerty		12/05/97 (21)	180	94	Brighton	- Played on the Asia Rugby Sevens Series in 2018 - Played two tests for the Philippines in August 2018 (15s)

## RUSSIA

Head coach: Andrey Sorokin

Captain: ??

World Series record: 1999-2000 – / 2000-01 – / 2001-02 – / 2002-03 – / 2003-04 – / 2004-05 – / 2005-06 – / 2006-07 – 17<sup>th</sup> / 2007-08 – 17<sup>th</sup> / 2008-09 – / 2009-10 – / 2010-11 – 13<sup>th</sup> / 2011-12 – 17<sup>th</sup> / 2012-13 – 17<sup>th</sup> / 2013-14 – 18<sup>th</sup> / 2014-15 – 17<sup>th</sup> / 2015-16 – 14<sup>th</sup> / 2016-17 – 14<sup>th</sup> / 2018 – 16<sup>th</sup>

Did you know...?

- Russia lost their core team status on the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series in 2018 after finishing as the lowest ranked of the 15 core teams
- Russia came third in the Rugby Europe Sevens Grand Prix Series in 2018, having won it the year before
- Only four of the squad have experience of playing in the Hong Kong series qualifier

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Andrey Sorokin		24/10/71 (47)			Head coach	- Third full season as Russia sevens coach - Played at RWC Sevens 2001 - Made Russia debut on series in Hong Kong in 2001 - Played for Russia on series from 2001-06 - Played 23 tests for Russia from 1992-2008 (15s)
1	Islam Shakirov		09/01/98 (21)	179	80	RC Kuban/Krasnodar region	- Making his Russia Sevens debut at this level
2	Valerii Khlutkov		18/09/91 (27)	190	97	RC Locomotiv-Penza	- Coached at his club by Russian legend Alexander Yanyushkin
3	Vladislav Sozonov		09/10/93 (25)	181	86	RC VVA Saracens, Moscow region	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Russia debut on series in Glasgow in 2015 - Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016 - Won series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2015 - Helped Russia qualify for RWC 2019 (15s) - Played 49 tests for Russia between 2006-18 (15s) - Played at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2012 (15s)

							- Started playing rugby at age of 10
4	Vladislav Lazarenko		02/10/89 (29)	183	84	RC Kuban/Krasnodar region	- Played in RWC Sevens 2013 and 2018 - Made Russia debut on series in Dubai in 2012 - Started playing rugby 10 years ago
5	Ilya Babaev		10/01/89 (29)	177	77	RC VVA Saracens, Moscow region	- Played in RWC Sevens 2013 and 2018 - Made Russia debut on series in London in 2011 - Played all 10 rounds on the 2018 series - Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016 - Won series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2015 - Started playing rugby at age of 12
6	Sergei Gresev		13/05/89 (29)	181	97	RC Narvskaya, Zastava, St Petersburg	-- Brother of 97-cap Russian international Viktor - Led Narva Zastava to the Russian club sevens title last year (first title won by a team from Russia's second city – St Petersburg)
7	Sergei Evseev		13/04/87 (31)	188	76		- Played at the World Rugby U19 Championship in 2006 (15s)
8	Artur Solomyanny		17/07/95 (23)	178	85	RC Kuban/Krasnodar region	- Played in 5 tournaments in 2018 (Singapore, Hong Kong, Vancouver, Hamilton & Sydney)
9	Dmitry Sukhin		15/01/95 (24)	178	79	RC Krasniy YAR/Krasnoyarsk region	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Russia debut on series in Dubai in 2015 - Last played on series in Singapore in 2018 - Started playing rugby at age of 12
10	Yury Gostyuzhev		20/08/87 (31)	181	88	RC Kuban/Krasnodar region	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Played in the Olympic repechage in Monaco in 2016 - Made Russia debut on series in London in 2007 - Played all 10 rounds on the 2018 series - Won series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2015
11	Ivan Ovchinnikov		05/07/96 (22)	177	88	RC Krasniy YAR/Krasnoyarsk region	- Made Russia debut on series in Dubai in 2017 - Played in all 10 tournaments on the world series in 2018
12	Sergei Stepanov		17/01/92 (27)	185	75	RC Slava, Moscow	- Played at the World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2011 and 2012 (15s)

## TONGA

Head coaches: Tevita Tuifua

Captain: Tana Fotofili

Did you know...?

- Tonga qualified as the invitational team for Hamilton and Sydney after finishing fifth at the Oceania Rugby Sevens Championship in November 2018
- That also qualified them for the series qualifier in Hong Kong
- Tonga managed to win two games in Hamilton, after being absent from the series since appearing on the Gold Coast in 2013
- Tonga played at RWC Sevens 2018 in San Francisco

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Tevita Tuifua		15/10/75 (43)			Head coach	- Made Tonga debut on series as player in Brisbane in 2003 - Played 12 tournaments on series from 2003-07 - Played at RWC Sevens 1997 and 2005 - Played at Commonwealth Games in 2006 - Played 16 tests for Tonga from 2003-07, playing at RWC 2003 and 2007 (15s) - Assistant coach for Tonga at RWC 2015 (15s)
1	Winitana Fotofili (captain)	Tana	01/07/94 (24)	185	80	Auckland, NZL	- Made Tonga debut on series in Hamilton in 2019, scoring a try v England
2	Edward Sunia		03/10/90 (28)	185	86	Auckland, NZL	- Made Tonga debut on series in Hamilton in 2019 - Also played in Sydney in 2019
3	Niukula Osika		31/01/97 (22)	180	110	Pakuranga	- Plays his club rugby in Auckland's Premier Division
4	Lotu Inisi		26/04/99 (19)	189	98	Auckland, NZL	- Made Tonga debut on series in Hamilton in 2019 - Also played in Sydney, scoring tries v Kenya and Samoa - Brother Fine is also in squad
5	Fotu Lokotui		19/03/92 (26)	189	103	Ardmore Marist	- Made Tonga debut on series on the Gold Coast in 2012 (only event) - Played seven tests at flanker for Tonga, 2017-18 (15s) - Played for Tonga A in the World Rugby Pacific Challenge 2015 (15s) - Played at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2012 (15s)

6	Josh Moala-Liava'a		21/07/93 (25)	181	88		
7	Aisea Halo		29/06/93 (25)	186	86	Otamatea	
8	Potolaka Maake		20/04/00 (18)	187	89	Auckland, NZL	- Made Tonga debut on series in Hamilton in 2019, scoring two tries v Japan - Also played in Sydney in 2019
9	Akuila Tuha		25/02/98 (20)	181	88	De La Salle	- Made Tonga debut on series in Sydney in 2019
10	Otumaka Mausia	Otu	22/04/97 (21)	189	98	Auckland, NZL	- Made Tonga debut on series in Hamilton in 2019 - Also played in Sydney in 2019
11	Fine Inisi		19/05/98 (20)	187	79	Auckland, NZL	- Made Tonga debut on series in Hamilton in 2019 - Also played in Sydney, scoring tries v South Africa and Argentina - Brother Lotu is in the squad
12	John Tapueluelu		07/04/96 (22)	187	89	Auckland, NZL	- Made Tonga debut on series in Hamilton in 2019, scoring tries v USA and France - Also played in Sydney, scoring a try v Japan and two v Kenya

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## UGANDA

Head coach: Tolbert Onyango

Captain: Michael Okorach

Nickname: Rugby Cranes Sevens

World Series record: 1999-2000 – / 2000-01 – / 2001-02 – / 2002-03 – / 2003-04 – / 2004-05 – / 2005-06 – / 2006-07 – / 2007-08 – / 2008-09 – / 2009-10 – / 2010-11 – / 2011-12 – / 2012-13 – / 2013-14 – / 2014-15 – / 2015-16 – / 2016-17 – 17<sup>th</sup> / 2018 – 18<sup>th</sup>

Did you know...?

- Uganda made their RWC Sevens debut in San Francisco; they beat Uruguay 38-28 to finish 19<sup>th</sup>
- Uganda played at their fourth Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in 2018, winning one game (33-10 v Sri Lanka)
- Uganda have won the last two Rugby Africa Sevens titles in 2017 and 2018
- Uganda are playing in their third consecutive World Series qualifier

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Tolbert Onyango					Head coach	- Led Uganda to first RWC Sevens 2018 qualification - Won last two Rugby Africa Sevens titles - Coached Uganda in Dubai and Cape Town rounds of 2016-17 and 2018 series - Fifth year as Uganda Sevens coach - Coached Uganda at Commonwealth Games in 2014 and 2018
1	Byron Oketayot		15/11/95 (23)	185	90.4	Rhinos, Kampala	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Played in the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2017 - Made Uganda debut on series in Dubai in 2016
2	Pius Ogena		30/10/94 (24)	183	90	Buffaloes, Kampala	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Uganda debut on series in Dubai in 2016 - Played in the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2017 and 2018 - Played for Uganda in RWC 2019 qualifier v Kenya in 2018 (15s)
3	Ian Munyani		27/10/97 (21)	194	90	Kobs, Kampala	- Played three tests for Uganda, all RWC 2019 qualifiers in 2018 (15s)
4	Adrian Kasito		30/10/95 (23)	169	70.6	KOBS, Kampala	- Made Uganda debut on series in Dubai in 2016

							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Also played in Cape Town in 2016 and 2018</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018</li> <li>- Played at the Commonwealth Games in 2018</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens in 2018</li> <li>- Played for Uganda in RWC 2019 qualifier earlier v Kenya (15s)</li> </ul>
5	Philip Wokorach		31/12/93 (25)	187	86	Heathens, Kampala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Uganda debut on series in Dubai in 2016</li> <li>- Played at Commonwealth Games in 2014 and 2018</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018, scoring five tries – including a hat-trick for Georgia in the latter</li> <li>- Played for Uganda in RWC 2019 qualifier v Kenya in 2018 (15s)</li> </ul>
6	Michael Okorach (captain)		14/08/90 (28)	186	98.7	Heathens, Kampala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Uganda debut on series in Dubai in 2016</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018</li> <li>- Played for Uganda in RWC 2019 qualifier v Kenya in 2018 (15s)</li> </ul>
7	Isaac Massanganzira		09/12/96 (22)	179	75	Pirates, Kampala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made his Uganda debut at the Rugby Africa Sevens Championship in 2018</li> </ul>
8	Desire Aloyisious Ruhweza-Ayera	Desire Ayera	09/01/99 (20)	177	90.7	Pirates, Kampala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Uganda debut on series in Dubai in 2018</li> <li>- Played at Commonwealth Games in 2018</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018</li> <li>- Played for Uganda in RWC 2019 qualifier v Kenya in 2018 (15s)</li> </ul>
9	Aaron Ofoyrwoth		07/10/97 (21)	171	77.2	Heathens, Kampala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Made Uganda debut on series in Dubai in 2018</li> <li>- Played at Commonwealth Games in 2018</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018</li> <li>- Played for Uganda in RWC 2019 qualifier v Kenya in 2018 (15s)</li> </ul>
10	Joseph Aredo Jadwong		04/11/92 (26)	175	70	Kobs, Kampala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at Dubai and Cape Town Sevens on the World Series in 2018</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018</li> <li>- Played at the Commonwealth Games in 2018</li> <li>- Played six tests for Uganda, all as a replacement, from 2013-16 (15s)</li> <li>- Played for Uganda at U19 level</li> </ul>
11	Timothy Kisiga		02/12/96 (22)	180	77.1	Pirates, Kampala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> </ul>

							- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018
12	Paul Masendi		04/08/96 (22)	185	76	Heathens, Kampal	- Set to make his Uganda Sevens debut in Hong Kong - Won domestic league title with Heathens

## URUGUAY

Head coach: Luis Pedro Achard

Captain: Diego Ardao

Nickname: Los Teros Sevens

World Series record: 1999-2000 – 12th/ 2000-01 – / 2001-02 – / 2002-03 – / 2003-04 – / 2004-05 – / 2005-06 – / 2006-07 – / 2007-08 – / 2008-09 – / 2009-10 – / 2010-11 – / 2011-12 – 23rd/ 2012-13 – 19th/ 2013-14 – 18th/ 2014-15 – / 2015-16 – / 2016-17 – / 2018 – 20th

Did you know...?

- Uruguay are playing in their sixth series qualifier in Hong Kong, having secured their place as next best in the Sudamérica Rugby Sevens Series behind Chile in 2019
- Uruguay qualified for RWC Sevens 2018 after a third-place finish in the Sudamérica Rugby Sevens Series
- Diego Ardao takes over the captaincy from Gabriel Puig

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Luis Pedro Achard		25/09/72 (46)			Head coach	- Former Uruguay U19 assistant coach and U20 trainer - Coached Uruguay at RWC Sevens 2018
1	Diego Ardao (captain)		04/08/95 (23)	177	84	Old Christians	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Uruguay debut on series in Las Vegas in 2018 - Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018 - Older brother of Manuel - Played in World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2014 and 2015 (15s)
2	Eugenio Plottier		25/05/95 (23)	175	83	Old Boys	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Uruguay debut on series in Las Vegas in 2018 - Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2017 and 2018
3	James McCubbin		27/05/98 (20)	187	91	Old Christians	- Played at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2017 and 2018 as a loose forward (15s)
4	Joaquin Alonso		18/02/97 (22)	176	76	Old Boys	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Uruguay debut on series in Las Vegas in 2018 - Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018
5	Felipe Etcheverry		23/06/96 (22)	176	75	Carrasco Polo	- Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Made Uruguay debut on series in Las Vegas in 2018 - Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018

							- Older brother Jerónimo played for Uruguay at RWC 2015 (15s) and also at RWC Sevens 2013 - Played at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2015 and 2016 (15s)
6	Marcos Pastore		01/04/97 (22)	179	86	Old Boys	- Turned 22 on Monday of Hong Kong week - Played at the World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2017 (15s) - Played for Uruguay XV in the Sudamerica Rugby Six Nations 2018 (15s)
7	Tomas Etcheverry		14/02/91 (28)	180	79	Carrasco Polo	- Brother of RWC 2015 player Jeronimo and also Felipe - Made Uruguay debut on series in Las Vegas in 2018 - Also played in Vancouver in 2018 - Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2018, scoring three tries - Uruguay won both qualifier games he scored in (v Jamaica (1) and Cook Islands (2)) - Played two non-capped matches for Los Teros at Americas Rugby Championship 2014 (15s)
8	Tomas Ubilla		31/12/95 (23)	173	79	Ceibos	
9	Manuel Castro		29/09/94 (24)	184	93	Carrasco Polo	- Played at the World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2013 and 2014 (15s) - Played in the Americas Rugby Championship in 2014 (15s)
10	Ian Schmidt-Liermann		20/06/92 (26)	181	81		- Played in the Hong Kong series qualifier in 2015, one try
11	Valentin Grille		15/06/98 (20)	187	80	Old Christians	- Former Uruguay U20 international (15s)
12	Juan Manuel Passadore		07/10/95 (23)	175	80	Los Cuervos	

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## ZIMBABWE

Head coach: Gilbert Nyamutsamba

Captain: TBC

Nickname: Cheetahs Sevens

World Series record: 1999-2000 – / 2000-01 14th / 2001-02 – / 2002-03 – / 2003-04 – / 2004-05 – / 2005-06 – / 2006-07 – / 2007-08 – / 2008-09 – / 2009-10 – / 2010-11 – / 2011-12 – 17th / 2012-13 – 19th / 2013-14 – 18th / 2014-15 – 19th / 2015-16 – 18th / 2016-17 – DNP / 2018 – DNP

Did you know...?

- Zimbabwe qualified as invitational team for Dubai and Cape Town by winning the Rugby Africa Sevens Championship in 2018
- Previously, Zimbabwe had last played on the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series in 2015 in Cape Town
- Zimbabwe finished runners-up in the series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2015 and were beaten semi-finalists in 2016  
Tafadzwa Chitokwindo has scored 13 tries in series qualifiers – the most of any player in this year's tournament

Shirt #	Full name	Known as	DOB (Age)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Club / Province	Notes
	Gilbert Nyamutsamba		27/02/71 (46)			Head coach	- Coached Zimbabwe at RWC Sevens 2018 - Coached Zimbabwe at world series qualifiers in 2015 and 2018
1	Tapiwa Tsomondo		05/05/93 (25)	189	98	Boland, RSA	- Made Zimbabwe debut on series in Port Elizabeth in 2012 - Only other event was Port Elizabeth in 2013 until Cape Town this season - Played at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2012 (15s)
2	Godfrey Muzanargwo		??	??	??		- Zimbabwe U20 international
3	Boyd Rouse		29/10/93 (25)	179	90		- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2015, 2016 and 2018
4	Kudakwashe Chiwanza		29/05/91 (27)	168	74	Old Georgians Sports Club	- Made Zimbabwe debut on series in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in 2014 - Also played on series in Cape Town in 2015, Dubai and Cape Town in 2018 - Played at RWC Sevens 2018 - Played in Olympic Games repechage in Monaco in 2016 - Played test rugby for Zimbabwe in 2011-12 (15s) - Played at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2011 (15s)
5	Brian Nyaude						- Played eight tests for Zimbabwe, 2017-18 (15s)

6	Shingirai Katsvere		10/05/97 (21)	179	88	Old Georgians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Zimbabwe debut on series in Dubai in 2018</li> <li>- Played five tests for Zimbabwe at full-back in 2018, all RWC 2019 qualifiers, and scored three tries (15s)</li> <li>- Played for Zimbabwe at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2016 (15s)</li> </ul>
7	Tafadzwa Chitokwindo		20/09/90 (28)	179	86	TV Pforzheim, GER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Zimbabwe debut on series in Dubai in 2010</li> <li>- Played in Dubai and Cape Town in 2018, his first tournaments since Port Elizabeth in 2014</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2013 and 2018</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2015, 2016 and 2018</li> <li>- Played test rugby for Zimbabwe in 2010, 2013-18, including RWC 2019 qualifiers (15s)</li> <li>- Played at World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2010 (15s)</li> </ul>
8	Biselele Tshamala		26/11/90 (28)	190	95	Durban Rovers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2015, 2016 and 2018</li> </ul>
9	Andrea Banda		19/08/93 (25)	188	93	Mat Warriors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Part of the Cheetahs squad at the Kwese Invitational Sevens in the build-up to Hong Kong</li> </ul>
10	Brandon Mandivenga						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Played five tests for Zimbabwe at centre in 2018, all RWC 2019 qualifiers (15s)</li> </ul>
11	Stephan Hunduza		04/03/92 (267)	168	78	Diggers, ZAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Zimbabwe debut on series Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in 2014</li> <li>- Also played on series in Cape Town in 2015, Dubai and Cape Town in 2018</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2015, 2016 and 2018</li> <li>- Played in Olympic Games repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> <li>- Played test rugby for Zimbabwe in 2012-17, including RWC 2019 qualifiers (15s)</li> </ul>
12	Riaan O'Neill		24/05/94 (24)	179	83	False Bay, Cape Town, RSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Made Zimbabwe debut on series in Cape Town in 2015</li> <li>- Also played in Dubai and Cape Town in 2018</li> <li>- Played at RWC Sevens 2018</li> <li>- Played in series qualifier in Hong Kong in 2015, 2016 and 2018</li> <li>- Played in Olympic Games repechage in Monaco in 2016</li> <li>- Played test rugby for Zimbabwe from 2014-17, including one RWC 2019 qualifier (15s)</li> </ul>

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