

OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020: MEN'S SESSION 2 STATS



GENERAL STATISTICS

- New Zealand have scored the most tries in the tournament after two sessions of play (13) and are the top point scorers (85).
- Great Britain are the only side that have not conceded a point after the opening day, outscoring their opponents 58-0 following a 24-0 win against Canada and a 34-0 victory against Japan.
- Five teams were unbeaten on day one with two wins from two in New Zealand (Pool A), Fiji and Great Britain (Pool B) and South Africa and USA (Pool C), confirming their places in the medal quarter-finals.
- New Zealand's Ngarohi McGarvey-Black is the top point-scorer after day one with 18, while team-mates Tim Mikkelson and William Warbrick head the try-charts with three.
- Only Lachie Miller scored a brace of tries in the second session, joining five players from the opening sessions in Josh Turner (Australia), Waisea Nacuqu (Fiji), Dan Norton (Great Britain), Tim Mikkelson and William Warbrick (New Zealand).
- The higher seeded team (Team 1) have won 11 of the 12 matches on day one. The only Team 2 to buck the trend were Argentina in their opening match against Australia with a 29-19 win. They are the closest seeded teams to play to date with Australia sixth and Argentina seventh.
- A total of 75 tries and 477 points were scored on day one at Tokyo 2020. The second session was down slightly on the opening six matches with 35 and 227 points compared to 40 tries and 250 points.

MATCH 7 – GREAT BRITAIN 34-0 JAPAN – POOL B

- Great Britain crossed the line 42 seconds into the match through Dan Bibby, his fourth on the Olympic stage after crossing three times at Rio 2016, including the ‘golden-point try’ in extra-time against Argentina in the medal quarter-final.
- Their 34 points against Japan is their most points in an Olympic Games match, surpassing the 31 points scored against Kenya in their first match at Rio 2016.
- Great Britain’s six tries were scored by six different players. Fiji hold the record for most try-scorers in an Olympic match with seven, achieved against Team GB in the gold medal match in 2016.
- Great Britain have scored 54 unanswered points on day one, beating Canada 24-0 and Japan 34-0. They are the only team not to concede a point on day one. They are only 19 shy of the 73 points that were scored in topping their pool at Rio 2016.

MATCH 8 – FIJI 28-14 CANADA – POOL B

- Co-captain Nathan Hirayama scores Canada men’s first-ever try at the Olympic Games. It took 22 minutes of game-play for Canada to score their historic first try.
- Fiji have scored eight tries in their opening two matches, outscoring their opponents 52 points to 33.
- Jiuta Wainiqolo has scored a try in each of Fiji’s opening matches.

MATCH 9 – NEW ZEALAND 35-14 ARGENTINA – POOL A

- Marcos Moneta, who won gold at the Youth Olympic Games 2018 on home soil in Buenos Aires, scored the first try of the match.
- Co-captain Tim Mikkelson joins Akira Ioane as New Zealand's leading try-scorer at the Olympic Games (4). Mikkelson has scored in each of his last three Olympic matches.
- New Zealand have already bettered their record from the pool stage in Rio 2016. They have won two in Tokyo 2020, having only won one (v Kenya) and lost two (v Japan and Great Britain), only scrapping into the quarter-finals by a points difference of +1 to USA.
- They have already scored more points in two matches (85) in Tokyo than they did the pool stage in Rio (69).

MATCH 10 AUSTRALIA 42-5 REPUBLIC OF KOREA – POOL A

- Australia are in a similar position to where they were in Rio 2016, dropping their opening match and winning their second in pool play. Their points difference is much improved after their first two matches, with a -3 points difference in Rio and +27 in Tokyo.
- Australia 42 points against the Republic of Korea is their most points in an Olympic Games match, surpassing their 26 points scored against Spain at Rio 2016. They also recorded their most tries (6) in an Olympic match.
- Australia have had a player score a brace in each of their first two matches – Josh Turner v Argentina and Lachie Miller against the Republic of Korea. In 2016, only one Australia player scored a brace in Tom Cusack v Argentina in the fifth place semi-final.

MATCH 11 – USA 19-17 IRELAND – POOL C

- Two-time World Rugby Men’s Sevens Player of the Year Perry Baker scored his first try at Tokyo 2020 and has already matched his tally from Rio 2016.
- USA have already bettered their record from the pool stage in Rio 2016. They have won two in Tokyo 2020, having only won one (v Brazil) and lost two (v Argentina and Fiji) to miss out on a medal quarter-final place by a single point differential to New Zealand.
- For the second time in Tokyo, USA led 12-0 before allowing their opponents to hit back with two tries. They also finished with 19 points in both matches.

MATCH 12 – SOUTH AFRICA 14-5 KENYA – POOL C

- Easily the lowest scoring game in the second session with only three tries and 19 points scored. Every other match had at least six tries and 34 points scored. It was also the first match with no points scored in the second half.
- South Africa crossed for seven tries in their opening two matches of Tokyo 2020, five less than they managed on the opening day of Rio 2016.
- Kenya have been held to one try or less in four of their Olympic matches played – the most of any men’s team.
- Collins Injera's try for Kenya takes him to two for the tournament and four in total on the Olympic Games stage. He is one behind Billy Odhiambo, who is Kenya’s top try-scorer at the Olympic Games with five.