

# OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020: MEN'S SESSION 3 STATS



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## **GENERAL STATISTICS**

- New Zealand and Argentina have scored the most points (99) and tries (15) after pool play.
- South Africa's Selyvn Davids is the top point-scorer after the pool stage with 25 points, two more than Argentina's Santiago Mare. Davids is one of six players to have scored three tries at Tokyo 2020, along with Canada's Connor Braid, New Zealand duo Tim Mikkelsen and William Warbrick and Fijians Asaeli Tuivuaka and Jiuta Wainiqolo.
- Connor Braid is the only player to score a hat-trick so far at Tokyo 2020, doing so in his side's first Olympic victory – 36-12 v Japan.
- New Zealand, Fiji and South Africa finished top of the pools. It is the second time Fiji and South Africa have done so, while New Zealand finished third in their pool at Rio 2016. In Rio, the three pool winners went on to claim the three medals.
- Pool A produced the most tries with 43, while Pool C had the fewest with 29.
- The higher seeded team (Team 1) won 16 of the 18 pool matches. The two that bucked the trend were those featuring teams seeded next to each other, Australia (6) 19-29 Argentina (7) and Kenya (9) 7-12 Ireland (10).
- A total of 109 tries and 695 points were scored in the pool stage of Tokyo 2020.

### **MATCH 13 – CANADA 36-12 JAPAN – POOL B**

- This was Canada's first Olympic victory and after a nervous wait it proved just enough to take them into the medal quarter-finals, a late conversion by Kenya seeing Canada pip Ireland on point difference to the second-best third-placed team spot (-14 to -16)
- Canada's Connor Braid scored the first try on day two of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 men's rugby sevens competition after two minutes and 14 seconds of the opening match. Fiji's Jiuta Wainiqolo scored the first try on day one after just 21 seconds.
- Braid became the first to score a hat-trick at Tokyo 2020 and the fifth in men's Olympic history after France's Terry Bouhraoua, USA's Carlin Isles Kenya's Billy Odhiambo and South Africa's Rosko Specman did so at Rio 2016.
- Japan captain Chihito Matsui scored his second try of the tournament, making him the host nation's top try-scorer at Tokyo 2020.

### **MATCH 14 – FIJI 33-7 GREAT BRITAIN – POOL B**

- The repeat of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games gold medal match had the same outcome with Fiji victorious, albeit by a smaller margin.
- Fiji have now outscored Great Britain by 12 tries to two and 76 points to 14 across their two meetings on the Olympic stage.
- Fiji also scored three first-half tries when the sides met in the Rio 2016 gold medal match. This time their half-time lead was two points better off at 19-0.
- Asaeli Tuivuaka scored Fiji's last try on day one and their first on day two. He is the first Fijian to score two tries in a match against Great Britain at the Olympic Games as the gold medal match featured seven different try-scorers.
- The Fijians became the first team to score a point against Great Britain in Tokyo with Asaeli Tuivuaka dotting down after two minutes and 25 seconds. Team GB had scored 58 unanswered points on day one in seeing off Canada (24-0) and Japan (34-0).

- Asaeli Tuivuaka and Jiuta Wainiqolo – who has scored in all three matches – are the top try-scorers for Fiji after pool play with three.
- Fiji finish top of their pool for the second straight Olympic Games. They have scored 13 tries, the same number as they managed in the pool stage of Rio 2016.
- Great Britain finished second in the pool, one place lower than at Rio 2016.

### **MATCH 15 – ARGENTINA 56-0 REPUBLIC OF KOREA – POOL A**

- Argentina have scored 59 first-half points in the pool stage – the most of any team in the tournament.
- They scored the most points (56) and recorded the biggest win (+56) in Olympic Sevens history. The previous records were held by South Africa (54 points v Japan in Rio 2016 bronze medal match) and New Zealand (50-5 v Korea on day one at Tokyo 2020)
- The Republic of Korea failed to score a try in a match for the first time at Tokyo 2020. They have the worst point differential of -148.

### **MATCH 16 – NEW ZEALAND 14-12 AUSTRALIA – POOL A**

- Australia have lost all nine matches against New Zealand in 2021, losing eight matches across the Trans-Tasman Sevens and Oceania Sevens warm-up tournaments before this defeat.
- The two-point margin of victory was one smaller than the 17-14 victory New Zealand claimed in the Cup final of the last round of the World Rugby Sevens Series in Vancouver in March 2020. That was New Zealand's 10th win in a row on the Series against Australia.
- Australia also led at half-time in that Cup final (14-5) but ended up on losing side.

### **MATCH 17 – KENYA 7-12 IRELAND – POOL C**

- Ireland were heading into the medal quarter-finals until Daniel Taabu converted Vincent Onyala's late try.
- That conversion saw Ireland miss out on points difference to Canada, the Canadians finishing two points better off than Ireland (-14 to -16) to claim the last spot in the quarter-finals as the second-best third-placed team. Ireland instead face Korea in the ninth place semi-finals.
- That outcome took the gloss of Ireland's first Olympic victory.
- Ireland's try-scorers Hugo Lennox and Harry McNulty lead their country with two tries at Tokyo 2020.

### **MATCH 18 – SOUTH AFRICA 17-12 USA – POOL C**

- South Africa's Selwyn Davids crossed for the second double of Tokyo 2020, scoring once in each half. His 12-point haul took him to the top of the scoring charts with 25.
- USA scored two tries in the match but are the joint-lowest try-scorers in the quarter-finals with eight alongside Canada.