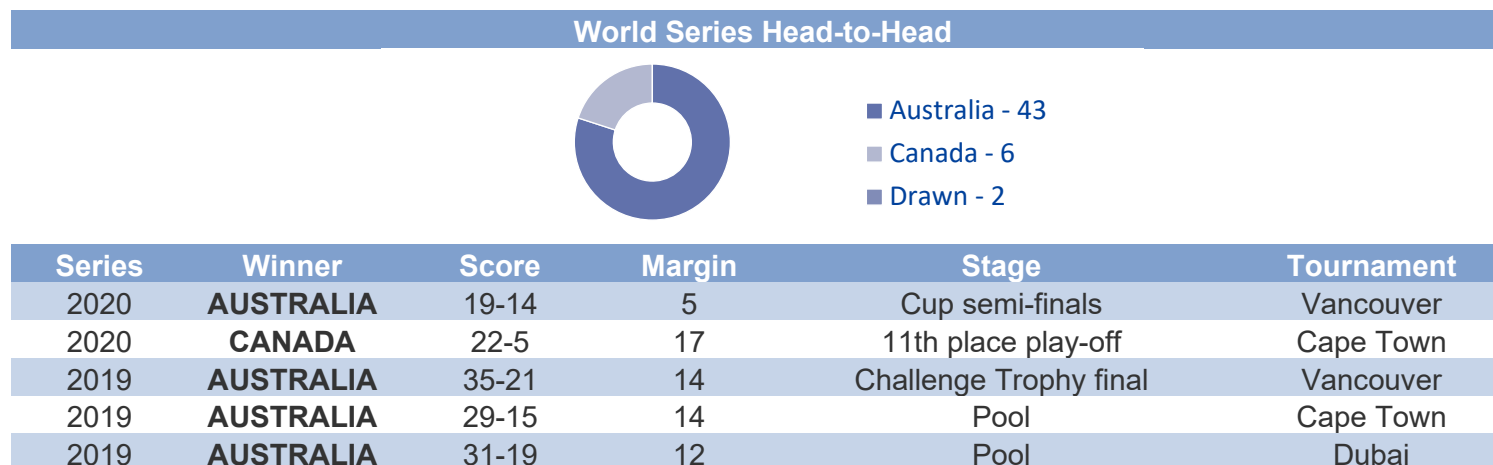


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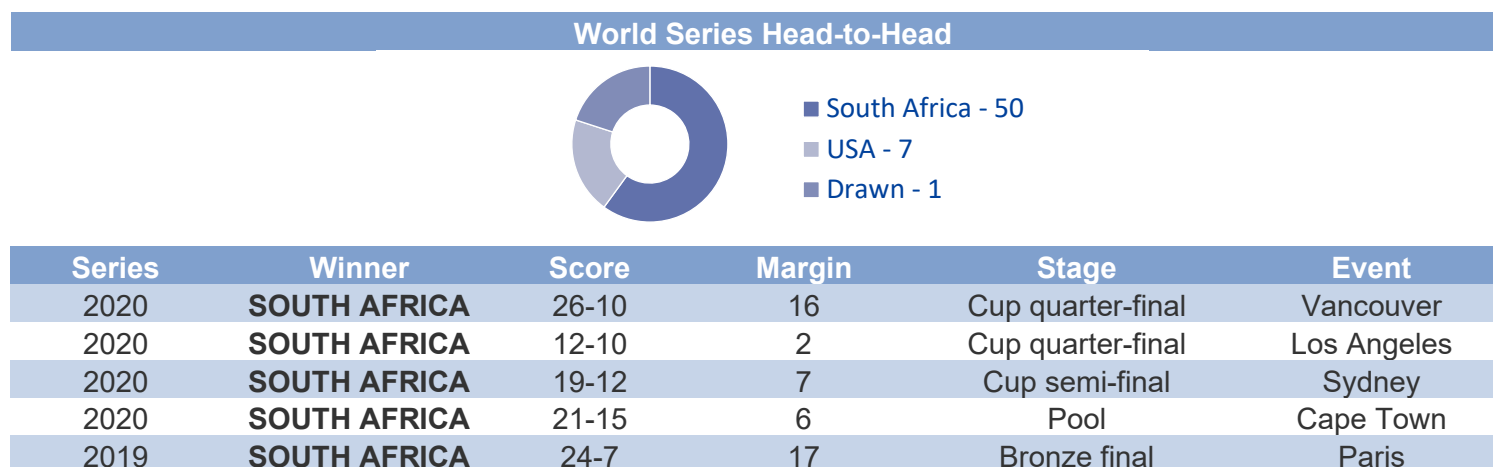


MATCH 31: CANADA v AUSTRALIA – SEVENTH PLACE PLAY-OFF



- **World Series first meeting:** Their first World Series meeting was in Stellenbosch in 2000 in the Plate semi-final. Australia won 36-12.
 - Australia have won four of the past five and 10 of the previous 14 (D1, L3) World Series meetings between the two sides.
 - Canada have won just two of the 18 play-off and finals matches on the World Series – an 11% win rate.
- **Olympic Head-to-Head:** First meeting.
- **World Series record in Japan:** Their only meeting in Japan was a pool match in the inaugural Series in Tokyo 21 years ago. Australia won 38-0.
- **Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018:** The teams met in the Challenge semi-final, with Australia prevailing 19-7. Australia scored three tries from four visits to the opposition 22, and made seven line-breaks to Canada's one.

MATCH 32: USA v SOUTH AFRICA – FIFTH PLACE PLAY-OFF

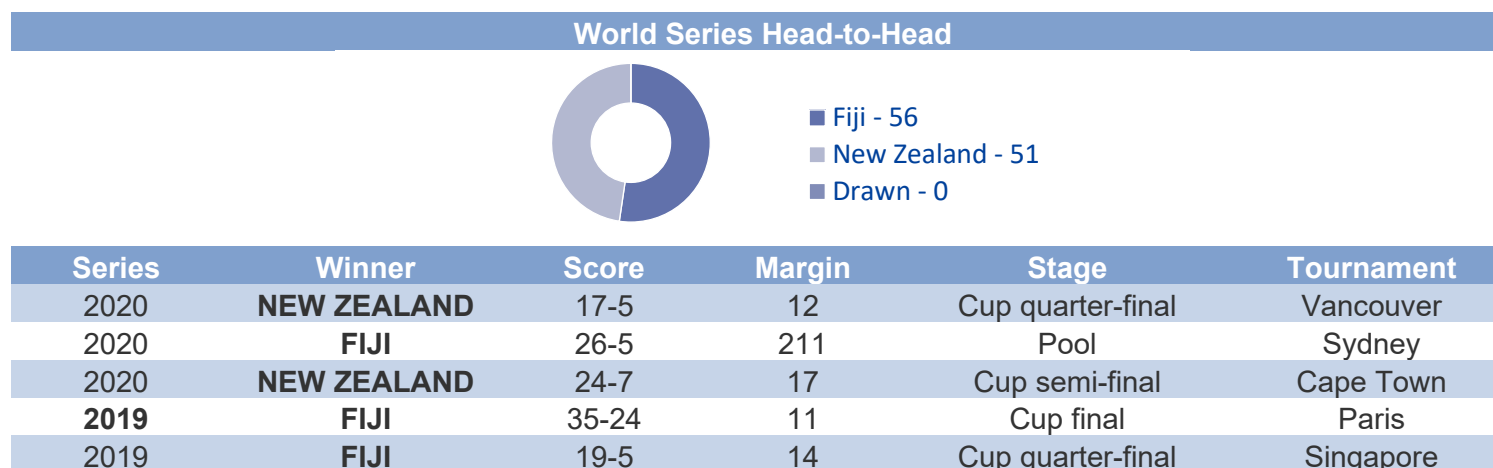


- **World Series first meeting:** The teams first met in the Bowl quarter-final in Dubai on 3 December, 2004. This was the first and only non-pool match between the two sides that went the way of the Kenyans, 29-19.
 - South Africa have an 86% win-rate against the USA in World Series matches. They have won their past six and nine of their previous 11 against USA.
 - USA's most recent World Series win over South Africa was in Hong Kong in 2019, 21-12 in the Cup quarter-final.
 - South Africa have won 22 of the 26 knockout matches on the World Series – an 85% win-rate.
- **World Series record in Japan:** They have played twice in Japan, with South Africa winning on both occasions, 17-12 in 2014 and 24-15 in 2015.
- **Olympic Head-to-Head:** The sides met in the final match of the pool stage to determine the winner of Pool C. The teams were tied 5-5 at half-time, but South Africa's two second-half tries were enough to seal a 17-12 win.

MATCH 33: GREAT BRITAIN v ARGENTINA – BRONZE MEDAL MATCH

- **Olympic Head-to-Head:** The teams met in a medal quarter-final at Rio 2016 with Great Britain emerging the 5-0 winners after Dan Bibby's sudden-death extra-time try. The score had been 0-0 at full-time with Argentina captain Gastón Revol missing a late penalty attempt to win the match,
- Great Britain will be looking to secure medals in back-to-back Olympic Games after their silver medal success in 2016.
- Argentina reached the semi-finals for the first time and will be looking to secure a first rugby sevens medal.
- Argentina's Marcos Moneta needs one try to equal Carlin Isles' current record of six in a single Olympic Games.

MATCH 34: NEW ZEALAND V FIJI – GOLD MEDAL MATCH



- **World Series first meeting:** Their first World Series meeting was in the inaugural Cup final in Dubai on 3 October, 1999. New Zealand won 38-14.
- The sides have met 107 times in the World Series with Fiji edging out New Zealand 56 wins (52%) to 51.
- New Zealand won two of their three encounters in 2020. However, Fiji have won five of the past seven matches.
- The sides have played in 27 Cup finals, with New Zealand winning 14 and Fiji 13. Their 27 Cup final appearances are the most in World Series history, ahead of New Zealand and South Africa who have met in 25 Cup finals.
- Their last Cup final was played in Paris in 2019, resulting in Fiji's seventh consecutive Cup final win against New Zealand dating back to 2012 in Wellington when New Zealand last triumphed.
 - Fiji's 35 points in that Paris victory was their joint most points in a Cup final against New Zealand.
- Eight of the Cup finals on the inaugural series in 1999-2000 were between New Zealand and Fiji, both teams winning four.

- They are the two most successful teams in World Series history with 102 of the 182 Cup finals played won by either New Zealand (60) or Fiji (42).
- New Zealand are reigning Series champions, winning three of the six rounds on the 2020 – Cape Town, Hamilton and Vancouver. Fiji won the 2019 Series with five titles across the 10 rounds.
- The two teams have won 17 of the 21 World Series since it began in 1999-2000. New Zealand have won 13 with Fiji four.
- **World Series record in Japan:** The teams have played twice in Japan, with Fiji winning both.
 - Their first match in Japan was the Cup final in the inaugural World Series event in Tokyo in 2000. Fiji outscored New Zealand five tries to four in their 27-22 win.
 - Their second meeting in the Cup semi-final in 2014 resulted in another five-point win for Fiji, this time 17-12. Fiji went on to win the tournament by defeating South Africa 33-26 in the Cup final.
- **Olympic Head-to-Head:** The teams met in the medal quarter-final at Rio 2016. Fiji scored the opening try 100 seconds into the match, but New Zealand bounced back and led 7-5 at half-time. Fiji scored the only try in the second half through Jerry Tuwai to give them a 12-7 victory.
 - Fiji went on to win their nation's first-ever medal at the Olympic Games and they will have a chance to repeat their success against New Zealand, who finished fifth in Rio.
- **Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018:** The sides met in the Championship semi-final in San Francisco with New Zealand winning a close contest 22-17. New Zealand went on to win a record third Rugby World Cup Sevens title and become the first men's team to win back-to-back titles after their Moscow 2013 success.
- **Commonwealth Games 2018:** The teams met in a third Commonwealth Games final on Australia's Gold Coast with New Zealand triumphing 14-0 to claim a fifth gold medal and deny Fiji their first. Etene Nanai-Seturo and Regan Ware scored first-half tries in the win.
 - The sides had also met in the 1998 and 2002 finals with New Zealand victorious on both occasions. They won 21-12 in the inaugural Games to feature rugby in Kuala Lumpur and 33-15 in Manchester, England, in 2002.

- Scott Curry is the leading try-scorer for New Zealand with four tries. He has crossed for a brace in each of his last two matches.
- Jiuta Wainiqolo is the leading try-scorer for Fiji, also with four tries.