

# OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO 2020: WOMEN'S SESSION 5 STATS



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## **GENERAL STATISTICS**

- Top seeds New Zealand and France – the final team to qualify for Tokyo 2020 only 41 days ago – will contest the gold medal match in a repeat of the Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018 final in San Francisco, which the Black Ferns Sevens won 29-0.
- New Zealand's only Olympic defeat was in the Rio 2016 gold medal match – 24-17 to Australia – with both teams unbeaten in Tokyo.
- The New Zealand-Fiji medal semi-final was the first women's match to go to extra-time and only the second on the Olympic stage after Great Britain's medal quarter-final with Argentina at Rio 2016 was scoreless at full-time.
- Fiji's Reapi Ulunisau and Great Britain's Jasmine Joyce are the top try-scorers after the penultimate session with seven. New Zealand's Michaela Blyde and France's Anne-Cécile Ciofani are on six with their team-mates Portia Woodman and Séraphine Okemba respectively among the four players on five.
- Canada captain Ghislaine Landry is the top point-scorer with 37 but only two ahead of Jasmine Joyce and Reapi Ulunisau.
- There were no hat-tricks in the penultimate session so the number remains the same as at Rio 2016 with four scored by Canada's Charity Williams (v Brazil), Fiji's Reapi Ulunisau (v Brazil) joining Australia's Emma Tonegato (v Japan) and New Zealand's Michaela Blyde (v Great Britain).
- A total of 173 tries and 1,087 points have been scored going into the final session of Tokyo 2020. This is only slightly down on the 180 tries and 1,095 points scored in total at Rio 2016.
- New Zealand have scored the most tries (24) and points (146) at Tokyo 2020. France and Australia are next best with 21 tries and 133 points. Australia set the record with 28 tries and 166 points at Rio 2016.

## **MATCH 25 – BRAZIL 21-12 JAPAN – 11TH PLACE PLAY-OFF**

- Brazil end their campaign with a first victory at Tokyo 2020. They won three matches on home soil in Rio in finishing ninth.
- Hosts Japan are the only team not to win a match in the women's competition in Tokyo and finish two places lower than in Rio.
- As Yaras scored more tries (three) in this match than they had in their previous four matches in Tokyo (two). They are still the lowest try-scorers in the competition on five, one less than Japan.
- This was the first match in which Brazil did not receive a yellow card. They have received four of the seven yellows in the tournament with three of them for Bianca Silva, which caused her to miss the previous match through suspension.
- Captain Raquel Kochhann became the first Brazil try-scorer other than Bianca Silva in these Games. Silva would score her third of the Games before Mariana Fioravanti made certain of victory with a late try.

## **MATCH 25 – CANADA 24-10 KENYA – NINTH PLACE PLAY-OFF**

- Canada finish in their lowest position at the Olympic Games having won the bronze medal in Rio.
- Kenya's 10th place finish is one better than they managed in Rio. They matched their one victory from that tournament.
- Canada's margin of victory was slightly larger than their only previous meeting with Kenya at the Commonwealth Games 2018. Canada won 24-12 that day but increased that margin to 14 points today.
- Canada were the second-most experienced squad in the tournament with a combined 283 World Series tournament between them. Kenya were the least experienced with only 15 tournaments with no player having played more than two.
- Canada's Charity Williams ended the tournament with five tries. This was one shy of Bianca Farella's Canadian record of six tries at Rio 2016.
- Bianca Farella got her name on the scoresheet for the first time at Tokyo 2020 with a brace of tries, taking her tally on the Olympic stage to eight. She shares the Canadian record with captain Ghislaine Landry after her try in the victory.
- Kenya's Janet Okello matched her haul of three tries from Rio 2016 with her first-half score. She was the only Kenyan player to score more than one try at Tokyo 2020 and remains their leading try-scorer at the Olympic Games, now with six.

## **MATCH 27 – RUSSIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE 7-35 AUSTRALIA – FIFTH PLACE SEMI-FINAL 1**

- Outgoing Olympic champions Australia can salvage fifth place if they can avenge their Pool C decider loss to USA (14-12).
- The Russian Olympic Committee will meet China, the other debutants in the women's competition, in the seventh place play-off.
- The Russian Olympic Committee had conceded 11 tries and 69 points without reply in their last two matches (against New Zealand) and that run extended to 13 tries and 83 points as Faith Nathan and Emma Tonegato gave Australia a 14-0 lead before Elena Zdrokova scored just before half-time.
- Tonegato scored her fourth brace at the Olympic Games – the most multiple try-scoring games of any player, men's or women's. She had not scored since her hat-trick in Australia's opening match but has now taken her Olympic tally to 12, three behind Portia Woodman.
- The Russian Olympic Committee had conceded an average of 13 points in their first two matches, but that has blown out to an average of 33 points after defeats by New Zealand (twice) and Australia.

## **MATCH 28 – USA 33-14 CHINA FIFTH PLACE SEMI-FINAL 2**

- USA co-captain Kris Thomas scored the fastest try of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, touching down after only seven seconds.
- China had scored the opening try in their previous four matches but did score second through Wang Wanyu.
- Kris Thomas and Ilona Maher both scored two tries in the match. This was the second time that two USA women have scored multiple tries in the same match, after Alev Kelter and Kathryn Johnson did so against Colombia at Rio 2016.
- USA have the opportunity to match their fifth place finish of Rio 2016 following the win. China can finish as the best debutant if they beat the Russian Olympic Committee in the seventh place play-off.

## **MATCH 29 – NEW ZEALAND 22-17 FIJI (AET) – MEDAL SEMI-FINAL 1**

- New Zealand will contest their second gold medal match but will hope to go one better than silver in 2016.
- Fiji can still create history by becoming their nation's first female Olympic medallists. They were already guaranteed their best-ever finish having placed eighth in Rio.
- This was the first women's match in Olympic history to go to extra-time after the sides were tied at 17-17 at full-time. It has also happened once in the men's competitions, with Great Britain and Argentina scoreless at full-time before Team GB triumphed in extra-time.
- It is the second time New Zealand have had to come from behind at half-time in Tokyo with Fiji leading 7-5. They trailed Great Britain 21-7 in the pool stage before winning 26-21.
- Vasiti Solikoviti scored Fiji's second brace at Tokyo 2020, following Reapi Ulunisau's four tries against Brazil and double against Canada.
- Portia Woodman has taken her Olympic try-scoring record to 15 with her fifth try in Tokyo. She is now one behind team-mate Michaela Blyde and two away from potentially matching her position as top try-scorer at Rio 2016.
- Gayle Broughton scored the winning try in extra-time to complete her first Olympic brace in the process.

## **MATCH 30 – GREAT BRITAIN 19-26 FRANCE – MEDAL SEMI-FINAL 1**

- France will win a first rugby sevens Olympic medal as a country with sixth (women's) and seventh (men's) their final placings at Rio 2016.
- Great Britain can still improve on their Rio 2016 placing if they beat Fiji in the bronze medal match. They lost 33-10 to Canada five years ago.
- France had lost to England (the nominated team to qualify Great Britain) in the semi-finals of the European regional qualifier for Tokyo 2020.
- Jasmine Joyce scored her third brace of the competition and equals the most multiple try-scoring matches in a single Olympic Games. She joins New Zealand's Kayla McAlister who achieved the feat in Rio.
- Anne-Cécile Ciofani scored her tries in the first minute of each half to take her tally for the tournament to six. This is the most by a French woman in a single Olympic Games as Lina Guerin managed five in Rio.