

PERTH NOTES

- This will be the first time the Women's Series has played a tournament outside of Sydney, with all five previous HSBC SVNS editions hosted in Australia's second-most populous city.
- HBF Park has previously hosted international women's sport with five group games at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, and has been the home venue for the Perth Glory Women in Australia's domestic football competition, the W-League, including the 2014 Grand Final.
 - The Western Force women have also played two home games at the venue in Australia's domestic rugby competition, Super W.
- Australia are looking to win the opening three events of the season for only the second time in their history after Dubai, São Paulo and Atlanta on the 2015-16 Series.
- New Zealand are three-time champions in Australia, and are looking to become only the second team to win four-straight titles in the same country after Australia's record run of four consecutive tournament victories in Dubai.
- Only three teams have won a Women's Series event on home soil, with Australia in Sydney in 2018, USA in Glendale on the 2020 Series, and the Black Ferns Sevens in Hamilton in 2020 and 2023.
 - Australia won their 2018 Cup title in Sydney without conceding a single point, the only time this has happened in Women's Series history. They have not reached a Cup final on home soil since losing the 2019 final 34-10 against New Zealand.
- Only three teams have topped their pools this season – Australia, New Zealand and France.
- There have been 746 combined HSBC SVNS tries scored this season, with 191 in both Dubai and Cape Town on the Women's Series, outscoring the men's total at each event.
- Eleven of the 12 teams competing in Perth have qualified for Paris 2024, with the final spot to be awarded at the World Rugby Sevens Repechage in Monaco on 21-23 June. Spain is the only participating team in Perth who will not be playing at Stade de France in July.
- New Zealand's **Portia Woodman** holds the tournament try-scoring record in Australia with 13 tries in Sydney in 2018.
- There are 10 players competing this weekend who have never missed an HSBC SVNS event in Australia – Australia's **Sharni Smale**, Fiji's **Ana Maria Naimasi**, France's **Chloé Pelle** and **Carla Nielsen**, Ireland's **Lucy Mulhall** and **Amee-Leigh Murphy Crowe**, New Zealand's **Michaela Blyde** and **Tyla King** (née Nathan-Wong), Spain's **Amaia Erbina**, and USA's **Nicole Heavirland** are all making their sixth appearance in this country.

Past champions in Australia

SERIES	LOCATION	CUP WINNER	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL	MARGIN
2023	Sydney	New Zealand	France (35-0)	35
2020	Sydney	New Zealand	Canada (33-7)	26
2019	Sydney	New Zealand	Australia (34-10)	24
2018	Sydney	Australia	New Zealand (31-0)	31
2016-17	Sydney	Canada	USA (21-17)	4

KEY TEAM STATS

- **Australia** will be chasing their first Cup title on home soil in six years and looking to win the opening three events of the season for the first time since 2015-16. On the two previous occasions they have started a Series with back-to-back Cup titles they have failed to reach the Cup final at the third leg, in Kitakyushu in 2018 and Málaga in 2022.
 - Australia are the top try-scoring team this season with 67 after two rounds. This is the highest try total by any team after the opening two tournaments in Women's Series history, surpassing their 65 tries scored across Dubai and Sydney on the 2018 Series.
 - They are averaging 33.5 tries per tournament this season, seven more than the next best team New Zealand with 26.5 per event.
 - They have won 59 of their past 62 pool games since the start of the 2020 Series, with two losses against France, in Seville in 2022 and Toulouse in 2023, and a draw against Canada in Glendale the only blemishes on a near perfect record.
 - They have scored 39% of their tries this season from quick-tap possession, the highest ratio of any team from this source.
 - They enjoy the best strike-rate of any team inside the opposition 22 this season, converting 94% of their entries into tries. Only four times from a competition-high 71 entries have they fail to cross the opposition line.
 - They have been accurate with ball in hand this season, averaging a competition-low 1.8 errors per game.
 - Their attack averages one line-break every 4.4 carries this season, the second-best ratio of any team behind New Zealand (4.3).
 - They have been one of the best first-half defensive teams this season, holding their opposition scoreless in this period in eight of their 12 games played, the most of any team. Only Ireland, France (twice) and New Zealand have crossed the Australian try-line in the first-half this season.
 - They enjoy the best tackle completion rate of any team this season with 82% despite averaging a competition-high 16.4 tackles per game.
 - They are conceding on average only 7.5 tries per tournament this season, the fewest of any team. They have only conceded two tries in total in the pool stages, one each against Ireland and Fiji.
 - They are the most disciplined team this season, averaging a competition-low 1.9 penalties per game.
 - Australia have never lost an HSBC SVNS match against two of their three Pool A opponents, winning all six games against South Africa by an average margin of 33 points, including the past two by 50 or more points, and all four games against Great Britain by an average margin of 28 points.
 - Australia are currently enjoying a five-game winning streak against Canada dating back to Dubai on the 2022 Series. They have never beaten Canada on home soil, losing both previous meetings in the Cup semi-finals in Sydney in 2017 and 2020.
- **Brazil** sits eighth on the HSBC SVNS standing, and come into Perth with double the amount of competition points (10) than they did after the first two rounds last season (5).

- They scored 12 tries last round in Cape Town, their highest tournament total since Sydney last season (19 tries), six events ago.
- They have scored 65% of their tries this season from structured possession sources, with 30% from the restart and 35% from set-piece.
- They will look to improve their efficiency in the opposition 22 after converting just 74% of their entries into tries, the lowest success-rate of any team this season.
- After averaging one line-break every 16.2 carries in Dubai, this dropped to a ratio of 8.9 in Cape Town as their total line-breaks made last round doubled from six at The Sevens to 13 at DHL Stadium.
- They are the most accurate team in front of goal this season, kicking 75% of their conversion attempts.
- They will look to improve their error rate, averaging the joint-most of any team per game this season with 3.5 alongside Fiji.
- Their defence has conceded the joint-most tries of any team this season with 40 alongside Japan. They have the second-lowest tackle completion rate (66%) and are averaging the fourth-most missed tackles (4.9) per game.
- They have won just one of their six pool games so far this season, against Japan in Dubai. Last season they won just two of 21 played between Dubai and Toulouse.
- They are one win away from their 50th all-time HSBC SVNS victory.
- Brazil will look to end a nine-game HSBC SVNS losing streak against Fiji dating back to Langford in 2016. Three of their past five losses in the run have been by 30 or more points. They were outscored 67-15 combined across both defeats last season.
- Brazil will look to end a 19-game losing streak against France, dating back to Amsterdam in 2014. They have been restricted to seven points or less in their past four, and 16 of the 19 games in this run.
- Four of their past 11 wins overall since the start of last season have come against Pool B opponents Spain, the most success they've had against any single opponent in this period.
- **Canada** are fifth on the HSBC SVNS standings, their highest position since the end of the 2020 Series where they finished third. They have placed sixth or higher at each of the past two events, something they only achieved twice across six tournaments last season.
 - They won the inaugural HSBC SVNS event in Australia, held in Sydney in 2017, and have reached the Cup semi-finals at three of the past four tournaments since then.
 - They have been involved in plenty of close games this season, with six of 11 matches played decided by a margin of seven points or less – four losses and two wins.
 - They have been strong first-half team this season, scoring 59% of their total points in this period, while averaging just 5.4 points per game after half-time.
 - They are the best team this season at retaining possession from the restart (27%) and as a result they have scored 34% of their tries from the kick-off, the highest ratio of any team.
 - Canada have enjoyed plenty of possession this season, averaging the second-most passes (37.4) and the third-most carries (23.5) per game of any team. They had the third-best carry per line-break ratio of any team in Cape Town last round with 5.4.
 - They are the second-most successful team inside the opposition-22 this season, scoring in 91% of their visits, including 100% last round in Cape Town.

- Canada are averaging the third-most offloads of any team this season with 5.5 per game. However, this is coming at a cost, also averaging the third-most errors with 3.1 per game.
 - Twenty-one per cent of their total offloads this season have resulted in a try assist.
- Canada are still chasing their first HSBC SVNS victory against Great Britain after losing all three previous meetings. They have not beaten them since the bronze final at Rio 2016 (33-10), held to seven points or less in all three Women's Series losses.
- Canada kept a clean sheet against South Africa in their pool match last round, with a 40-0 victory in Cape Town, their largest against any opponent since the 2020 Series against Brazil in Dubai (43-0).
- Canada have not beaten Australia in any match since the Cup semi-finals in Sydney four years ago.
 - They were outscored 66-7 across both games last season, and have not held Australia to less than 28 points in a match since their last victory in 2020 (34-0).
- **Fiji** sits fourth on the HSBC SVNS standings, their best start to a season since the 2022 Series where they won consecutive silver medals in Dubai, and are enjoying their highest ranking after the opening two events (excluding the Covid-19 affected 2022 Series).
 - They have never finished higher than fifth in Australia, reaching the Cup quarter-finals only twice in 2017 and 2023.
 - They have scored 54% of their tries this season from unstructured possession, with 27% from quick-taps, 24% from steals and 3% from kicks in play.
 - Only 39% of their tries scored this season have been assisted by a team-mate, with the highest rate of solo efforts on attack of any team.
 - They are averaging a competition-high 8.6 offloads per game this season, but this is coming at a cost making the joint-most errors of any team (3.5) alongside Brazil.
 - Only 13% of their total offloads this season have resulted in a try assist.
 - On attack, they enjoy the third-best ratio of rucks per try with 1.5, but the fifth-lowest success-rate in the opposition 22, scoring from just 78% of their visits.
 - They have made the fourth-most visits to the red zone of any team (43) but have squandered possession in 10 of these entries.
 - They averaged the fourth-best line-break per carry ratio of any team with 6.4.
 - They have made just one kick in play this season, the joint-fewest of any team.
 - Fiji outscored Brazil 67-15 across both meetings last season, and have averaged 32 points per game overall during their current nine-game winning streak in this fixture.
 - Fiji will look to improve their discipline against Spain after losing the penalty count 5-2 in their 14-10 victory last round in Cape Town.
 - Despite completing just 54% of their tackle attempts, their defence only conceded two tries from three entries into their own 22, and four line-breaks from 31 carries by the opposition.
 - This will be the third time Fiji and France have met this season, and this fixture sees the top two offloading teams go head-to-head with Fiji averaging 8.6 per game and France 7.6 per game.
 - Only two points separated them in their last meeting in Cape Town, with ill-discipline proving costly for Fiji losing the penalty count 4-1 in a 19-17 Cup quarter-final defeat.

- **France** are second on the HSBC SVNS standings, their highest ranking since the end of the 2022 Series. After finishing third in Dubai and second in Cape Town, they are chasing three consecutive top-three finishes for the first time in their history.
 - They won silver in Sydney last season, their best result on Australian soil. Their Cup final appearance last round in Cape Town was their first at any event since their second-place result at Allianz Stadium last season.
 - They have won 10 of their 12 games played this season (83%), a significant increase on their 2023 Series win-rate of 57% (24 wins from 42 games played). At the same stage last season, they had won seven of their opening 12 games (58%).
 - They have scored the third-most tries of any team this season (51), a 24% increase on their total after the opening two rounds last season. They are averaging 25.5 tries per tournament this season, but have not scored 20 or more in Australia since 2019, averaging 18 per event across the past two rounds in Sydney.
 - The quick-tap has been their highest try scoring possession this season, with 27% originating from this source.
 - They are averaging the second-most offloads of any team this season with 7.6 per game, but only 9% have resulted in a try assist.
 - They are averaging the most carries per game of any team this season (27.3) but only the sixth-best line-break per carry ratio of 7.1.
 - Only 47% of their tries this season have been assisted by a team-mate, the joint-second lowest ratio of any team behind Fiji (39%) and alongside Ireland.
 - They were the most ill-disciplined team last round in Cape Town conceding a tournament-high 25 penalties.
 - The French defence is conceding the second-fewest tries of any team per tournament this season with 11, an improvement on their 2023 Series average of 15.7.
 - They enjoy the second-best tackle completion rate of 82%, including the fewest missed tackles per game of any team (3.3) from the third-most attempts (14.7).
 - France are enjoying a 20-game winning streak against Spain, with their only loss in this fixture coming in Amsterdam in 2015. They have restricted Spain to seven points or less in 15 games during this run of victories.
 - France outscored Brazil 77-7 across two meetings last season, including holding them scoreless in the second-half in both victories.
 - This will be the first time since 2017 that France and Fiji have played each other in Australia. Fiji won the fifth-place play-off 31-12 that day in Sydney, but France have won nine of the 12 subsequent games since then.
- **Great Britain** returns to Australia for just the second time after making their debut in Sydney last season and finishing seventh. They bounced back from an 11th-place result in Dubai to finish eighth in Cape Town last round.
 - They will look to increase their scoring rate after averaging just 11 tries per tournament across the opening two rounds, the fifth-lowest of any team, and four tries fewer than their average at the same stage last season.
 - They will look to improve their efficiency inside the opposition 22 after averaging the second-lowest success-rate of any team in this zone this season (76%).
 - They have recorded the most half-time comebacks of any team, winning two of their eight matches this season when trailing at the break.

- Set-piece has been their highest try scoring source this season, representing 36% of their possession origin.
- They will look to improve their discipline after averaging the second-most penalties per game (4.1) this season.
- Their attack has struggled to break the defensive line this season with the second-highest ratio of line-breaks per carry (11.5).
- They rarely pass the ball, averaging the second-fewest passes per game of any team (24.7). As a result, they averaged the second-fewest errors per game (1.9).
- Their defence is conceding 18.5 tries per tournament, their fourth-most of any team this season, and a 16% increase on their average last season.
- Fifty-nine per cent of their tries scored this season have been directly assisted by a team-mate, the third-highest ratio of any team. Ten of their 11 total assists have come via passes, with just one from an offload.
- They are averaging the second-fewest offloads per game of any team with 2.3.
- Great Britain have topped their pool just once in their history, in Sydney last season.
- Great Britain have never lost an HSBC SVNS match against Canada, starting strongly in two of their three victories with an average half-time lead of 13 points.
 - They have scored the first try in all three victories, including two coming inside the opening three minutes of the match.
- Great Britain have only ever scored one try against Australia on the HSBC SVNS Series, held scoreless in the first three matches in this fixture.
 - Despite losing their past two meetings by an average margin of 18 points, they have been within seven points of Australia at the half-time break.
- They won their only previous meeting against South Africa 17-5 in Dubai this season, defending 28 carries and conceding just one try, one line-break and two visits to their own 22. They completed 24 of their 28 tackle attempts (86%), while conceding just three penalties.
- **Ireland** sits seventh on the HSBC SVNS standings, two positions lower than after the first two rounds last season (fifth). They won seven of their opening 12 games to start the 2023 Series, but have recorded just four wins from 10 games so far this season.
 - They have finished fourth at two of the past three events in Australia, in 2019 and 2023.
 - They have only topped their pool three times in their history, but one of these occasions came in Australia, in Sydney in 2019.
 - They have scored 37% of their tries this season from set-piece possession, the second-highest ratio of any team.
 - Their attack averages the third-fewest carries per game of any team this season with 20.9, but enjoys the third-best ratio of carries per line-break with 5.8.
 - They enjoyed the second-highest retention success from the restart of any team this season with 22%.
 - They have made the joint-fourth most kicks in play of any team this season with seven, but are yet to retain possession when they put boot to ball.
 - Ireland have the second-lowest ratio of assists per try of any team this season with 46%, but almost one third of them (29%) have come via the offload.

- They will be looking to end a six-game losing streak against USA dating back to Dubai last season. All six losses in the streak have been by a single-figure margin, including four by a converted try or less.
- They have squandered a half-time lead in their past two defeats, in Vancouver and Hong Kong last season to lose by two points and one point respectively.
- Ireland are still chasing their first HSBC SVNS victory against New Zealand – they have been held to seven points or less in each of their past four losses, not scoring two or more tries against the Black Ferns 7s since the Cup quarter-finals in Glendale in 2019.
 - They have only come within seven points twice in their 16 HSBC SVNS losses in this fixture - 2019 Series in Dubai (24-17) and last season in Cape Town (14-7).
- In their 12th HSBC SVNS meeting against Japan, this will be the first time they have played on Australian soil. Ireland raced out to a 21-0 lead at half-time in their last meeting in Dubai this season, before winning a tightly contested second-half 14-7.
- **Japan** will look to improve on their 10th ranking on the HSBC SVNS standings in a congested bottom five which sees just seven points separating the safety of eighth from 12th in the race to avoid the relegation play-off in Madrid.
 - This will be only their fourth HSBC SVNS appearance in Australia after playing in Sydney in 2018, 2020 and 2023. They have only won four of their 15 previous games in Australia, with two of these victories coming against invitational teams. The only core opposition they have beaten in Australia are England in 2018 and Spain in 2020.
 - They will look to improve their try-scoring rate, averaging just 10.5 tries per tournament this season, down from their 2023 Series average of 13.3.
 - Their main try scoring source this season has been the quick-tap, representing 33% of their possession origin.
 - They have made the third-fewest visits to the opposition 22 of any team this season (25) but have converted their limited opportunities with the fifth-highest success-rate of any team in the red zone (84%).
 - They enjoyed the second-highest retention success-rate of any team last round in Cape Town with 21% after winning back just 8% in the opening round in Dubai.
 - They like to keep ball in hand, making just one kick in play all season, the joint-fewest of any team alongside Fiji.
 - Their defence has conceded the joint-most tries of any team this season with 40 alongside Brazil, however 45% of them have come against Australia (18).
 - They are averaging the third-most missed tackles of any team this season (5.8).
 - Japan are still chasing their first win against New Zealand after 15 consecutive losses. This will be the first time they have been drawn in the same pool since Sydney last season, with their past two meetings both coming in Cup quarter-finals.
 - Japan will be looking to end a nine-game losing streak against USA dating back to Atlanta in 2016. Their only victory in this fixture came in their inaugural meeting in Dubai in 2015. Both losses last season were narrow, by five points in Cape Town and nine points in Hong Kong.
 - Japan broke through for their maiden HSBC SVNS victory against Ireland in Toulouse on the 2023 Series, before suffering a 35-7 defeat in Dubai this season. They will look to improve their discipline after losing the penalty count 7-2 at The Sevens.
- **New Zealand** are currently enjoying a 17- game winning streak on Australian soil, with their last loss coming in the Cup final in Sydney in 2018. The three-time champions in Sydney will

be looking to become only the second team in HSBC SVNS history to win four consecutive Cup titles in the same country.

- They have reached the past four consecutive Cup finals in Australia, only missing this stage of the tournament at the inaugural tournament in Sydney in 2017.
- They have won 27 of 29 HSBC SVNS matches in Australia, with their only two losses coming in Sydney against USA in the 2017 Cup semi-finals, and against Australia in the 2018 Cup final.
- They have been the top try scoring team in Australia at each of the past three events in Sydney, including equalling the tournament record of 35 tries last season.
- They have scored the second-most tries of any team this season with 53, however they are averaging almost six tries fewer per tournament (26.5) than they did last season (32.3).
- They have employed the attacking kick strategy well this season, scoring a competition-high five tries from kicks in play, including four last round in Cape Town, and are retaining 25% of all their kicks made.
- Their attack is averaging the second-most line-breaks per game (4.7) from the second-fewest carries (18.3) this season.
 - They enjoy the best line-break per carry ratio of any team (4.3).
 - They are averaging the fourth-highest success-rate inside the opposition 22 with 88%, but only one per cent less than their 2023 Series average.
- On defence, they have conceded 12 tries per tournament this season, almost double their 2023 Series average of 6.4 per event.
 - Their first-half defence has conceded at least one try in this period in nine of their 12 games (75%) compared to just 15 of their 42 games last season (36%).
 - Their tackle completion rate has fallen from a season-high 85% on the 2023 Series to 79% across the opening two events, the third-highest of any team.
 - They have conceded more than 20 points in a match on three occasions this season, against France, Fiji and Australia. The restricted their opposition to less than 20 points in 40 of their 42 games played last season.
- They have never lost against two of their three Pool B opponents in Japan and Ireland:
 - They have only conceded three tries against Japan from four games on Australia soil, enjoying an average winning margin of 29 points.
 - They outscored Ireland 19-0 in the second-half of their previous meeting this season, and leading by just seven points at the break in Cape Town.
- New Zealand are enjoying a seven-game winning streak against USA dating back to Dubai on the 2020 Series – they are looking to win eight consecutive matches for the first time since their run of 10-straight victories between 2012 and 2015.
- **South Africa** will make their Australian HSBC SVNS debut at this event in their 18th tournament appearance overall since 2012.
 - They have won just one of their 10 games played so far this season, against Spain in the ninth-place semi-final in Dubai.
 - They have been ahead or level at half-time in four of their 10 games this season, but converted just one of these advantages into a victory. The second-half has been an issue for South Africa, outscored 98-24 in this period this season.

- They have scored 69% of their tries this season from unstructured possession sources with 23% from quick-taps and 38% from steals, the highest ratio of any team.
- They have been the most ill-disciplined team this season, conceding on average 4.2 penalties per game.
- They will look to improve their defence after conceding the most tries of any team in Cape Town with 25. Their tackle completion dropped from 75% in Dubai to 65% last round.
- They have made the joint-most kicks in play of any team this season with 12 alongside USA, enjoying a retention success of 50%.
- South Africa will be looking to score their first try against Australia on the HSBC SVNS Series since 2016 in Dubai – they conceded 102 unanswered points across their past two meetings combined.
- They will look to bounce back from their 40-0 loss against Canada in Cape Town, failing to score a point for the fourth time in eight meetings on the HSBC SVNS Series.
 - They had very little possession at DHL Stadium, making just seven carries and eight passes in the match and were forced to defend 29 carries by the opposition. Their defence conceded six tries from six visits to their own 22, completing just 61% of their tackle attempts.
- South Africa will play Great Britain for only the second time in their HSBC SVNS history after meeting in the pool stages in Dubai earlier this season. Despite conceding three tries at The Sevens, they completed 14 of their 16 tackle attempts (88%) and won five turnovers from the opposition attack.
- **Spain** will look to improve their placing on the HSBC SVNS standings, currently sitting 12th coming into this tournament. In the race to avoid the relegation play-off, they are only seven points adrift from the safety of eighth place.
 - They have not won a pool game since Cape Town last season, with 21-straight losses across this stage of the tournament. Their past two losses have been narrow, by four points against Fiji and three points against Japan last round.
 - Their only victory this season came against South Africa in the 11th-place play-off in their last match played – they went back-to-back four times last season, in Cape Town, Hamilton, Hong Kong and Toulouse.
 - They will look to increase their try-scoring rate after averaging seven per tournament across Dubai and Cape Town, and three fewer than their 2023 Series average of 10.7.
 - They have the highest ratio of assisted tries of any team this season with 64% scored directly contributed by a pass or offload from a team-mate.
 - They have scored the third-highest ratio of tries by any team this season from set-piece with 36% - only Ireland (37%) and USA (72%) relying on this possession source more.
 - They will look to improve the strike-rate on attack, averaging the most rucks per try of any team this season with 10.6, and the highest line-break per carry ratio of 13.2.
 - They have enjoyed plenty of possession this season, averaging the second-most carries per game of any team, however their attack has struggled to break through the opposition line, averaging the joint-second fewest line-breaks per game with 1.9.
 - They have made the second-fewest visits to the opposition 22 of any team this season (18), but have converted 78% of these entries into tries, the seventh-highest ratio.

- They are one of only two teams this season who have not retained possession from the restart alongside South Africa.
 - After restricting France to just seven first half-points in their last meeting in Dubai this season, Spain went to be outscored 21-7 after half-time. They dominated possession making 32 carries and 52 passes but could only score one try from three line-breaks and two visits to the opposition 22 with ball in hand.
 - Spain have won just one of their past five games against Fiji since the start of the 2022 Series, 21-14 in Dubai last season, overturning a seven-point half-time deficit.
 - Spain and Brazil have traded wins evenly since Hamilton last season with neither team able to go back-to-back across their past five meetings. Spain's two victories in this period have been narrow, by seven points or less, while their three losses have been comprehensive, by 14 points or more.
- **USA** have been a top three team at three of the past five HSBC SVNS in Australia, including playing in the inaugural Cup final in Sydney in 2017.
- They are yet to score more than 15 tries in a tournament this season, something they achieved at five of seven events last season. They have been restricted to one try or less in 50% of their matches this season compared to 16% last season.
 - They have scored 72% of their tries this season from set-piece possession, the highest ratio of any team.
 - They have been the joint-second best team inside the opposition 22 this season alongside Canada, scoring from 91% of their visits.
 - They will look to improve their accuracy in front of goal, kicking just 46% of their conversion attempts, the lowest success-rate of any team.
 - They have been patient on attack this season, averaging one line-break every 8.9 carries, the fifth-highest ratio of any team. When they do enter the red zone, they enjoy the third-highest success-rate of any team converting 91% of their visits into tries.
 - Their defence is conceding on average 16.5 tries per tournament this season, the sixth-most of any team, and two more per event than last season when they conceded the third-fewest (14).
 - They conceded 17 tries last round in Cape Town, their most at a single tournament since Toulouse in 2022, 10 events ago.
 - USA are looking to win seven-straight HSBC SVNS matches against Ireland for the first time equalling their effort of six consecutive wins between 2018 and 2022 in their last meeting in Hong Kong.
 - Trailing at half-time has not been a problem for USA in this fixture, winning each of their past three games against Ireland when behind at the break.
 - After winning their first six games against Japan by an average margin of 26 points, USA's past three wins have been much closer, by an average margin of 6.3 points.
 - They have never conceded a point against Japan on Australian soil, winning their only previous meeting in Sydney 38-0 in 2018.
 - USA are one of only two team to defeat New Zealand on Australian soil, winning their 2017 Cup semi-final 19-12 in Sydney.
 - They have only beaten the Black Ferns 7s on two occasions in the same country once, on home soil in Atlanta in 2016 and Glendale in 2020.

KEY PLAYER STATS

- Australia will be without their season top try-scorer **Maddison Levi** for the opening three games at HBF Park following her red card in the Cup final in Cape Town.
 - This will be the first time she has missed a match across the HSBC SVNS, RWC Sevens and Commonwealth Games combined for Australia since their tournament opener against Mexico in Langford in 2022, and only the sixth time since making her debut at Tokyo 2020 that she has not played every game at a single event.
 - She has scored 21 tries so far this season, three more than she had scored after the opening two events last season (18) enroute to her 2023 Series record of 57 tries.
 - She has scored the most doubles of any player this season with eight, and only trails Emma Tonegato (33) for most Women's Series try-doubles for Australia by six.
- **Charlotte Caslick** has made the most try-assists of any player this season with 10. Her best combination has been with Faith Nathan for four tries.
 - She has made the most carries of any player this season with 47.
 - She requires one more try to become Australia's top try-scorer on home soil, currently tied with Ellia Green on 21.
- Brazil's **Thalia Da Silva Costa** was the top try-scorer in Sydney last season with eight.
- Canada's **Charity Williams** and **Breanne Nichols** are the only two survivors in this squad from their Cup title in Sydney on the 2016-17 Series. Williams was one of three try-scorers that day in their 21-17 victory at Allianz Stadium.
- Fiji's **Ana Maria Naimasi** has kicked 80% of her conversion attempts this season, the highest success-rate of any kicker who has made 10 or more shots at goal. She requires 12 more points to become the first Fijiana player to score 500 SVNS points.
- Fiji's **Reapi Ulunisau** has made the most offloads of any player this season with 17, including a tournament-high 14 in Cape Town last round.
- France's **Anne-Cécile Ciofani** made a tournament-high eight line-breaks last round. She is the second leading try-scorer this season with 13, including five doubles. She has scored 13 career SVNS doubles, the most for France but has never crossed for a hat-trick.
- Great Britain's **Alicia Maude** returns for the first time since their bronze final victory in Hong Kong last season. This is her longest absence from the HSBC SVNS since making her debut in Dubai on the 2022 Series.
- New Zealand's **Michaela Blyde** is the leading try-scorer in Australia with 28, but has never been the top scorer at a single event in this country.
- **Tyla King** (née Nathan-Wong) will make her first appearance this season after becoming a dual international last year representing the Kiwi Ferns in rugby league, and playing nine games for St George-Illawarra in Australia's NRLW competition.
 - New Zealand have won 33 Cup titles from 43 tournaments she has played, but have won just Cup title without her (Toulouse 2022) from the 10 events she has missed.
- South Africa's **Simamkele Namba** has made the most steals of any player this season (5).
- **Nadine Roos** has made the most kicks of any player this season with five. She is South Africa's top try-scorer this season with four.
- Spain have 11 individual try-scorers this season, but only **Beatriz Dominguez Sanchez** (3), and **Amaia Erbina** (2) have crossed more than once.
- **Alev Kelter** will become USA's most capped player in SVNS history, surpassing Lauren Doyle in her 42nd tournament. She is one of four survivors who played in the inaugural Cup final in Australia in 2017, alongside Nicole Heavirland, Naya Tapper and Kayla Canett.