

## SINGAPORE NOTES

- This will be the 11th edition of the HSBC Singapore Sevens, and the first featuring a 12-team men's and women's format.
- The league winner of the 2024 SVNS Series will be crowned at this event. Argentina have held top spot on the standings since Cape Town, but Ireland could overtake them if they replicate their bottom four finish in Hong Kong.
  - They are the only top three ranked team to have won a Cup title this season.
- Seven teams have guaranteed their place at the HSBC SVNS Grand Final in Madrid – Argentina, Ireland, Fiji, France, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
- Canada, Samoa and Spain have guaranteed their place in the relegation play-off in Madrid, with Great Britain and USA the remaining two teams in the race for the safety of eighth.
  - Just seven points separates them on the HSBC SVNS standings.
- Five nations have won the Cup title in Singapore, with South Africa, New Zealand and Fiji achieving this on more than one occasion. No team has ever successfully defended their Cup title at consecutive events.
  - For two teams, this has been their maiden Sevens Series Cup title, with Canada winning in 2016 and Kenya in 2017.
  - Fiji have played the most Cup finals in Singapore with five previous appearances, winning the title in 2006, 2018 and 2022 and finishing runner-up in 2016 and 2019.
  - Australia, USA, England and Argentina have all played a Cup final in Singapore but have never lifted the trophy.
- New Zealand hold the record for most tournament tries, with 36 in 2005.
- Fiji's **Filimoni Bolavucu** and **Viwa Naduvalo** share the record for most individual tries in a tournament in Singapore with Bolavucu scoring 10 tries in 2006 and Naduvalo equaling this record in 2022.
- Fiji's **William Ryder** holds the record for the most points in a single tournament in Singapore, scoring 58 points in 2006.
- Eight of the 12 teams competing in Hong Kong have booked their place at Paris 2024 – France, New Zealand, Argentina, Fiji, Australia, Ireland, USA and Samoa.
  - The last remaining place will be awarded at the World Rugby Sevens Repechage in Monaco on 21-23 June. Core SVNS teams South Africa, Spain, Great Britain and Canada will all participate alongside eight other regional qualifiers.

### Past Sevens Series champions in Singapore

SERIES	LOCATION	CUP WINNER	DEFEATED IN CUP FINAL	MARGIN
2023	Singapore	New Zealand	Argentina (19-17)	2
2022	Singapore	Fiji	New Zealand (28-17)	11
2019	Singapore	South Africa	Fiji (20-19)	1
2018	Singapore	Fiji	Australia (28-22)	6
2016-17	Singapore	Canada	USA (26-19)	7
2015-16	Singapore	Kenya	Fiji (30-7)	23
2005-06	Singapore	Fiji	England (40-21)	19
2004-05	Singapore	New Zealand	England (26-5)	21
2003-04	Singapore	South Africa	Argentina (24-19)	5
2001-02	Singapore	New Zealand	Argentina (21-17)	4

## KEY TEAM STATS

- **Argentina** have had their lead at the top of the HSBC SVNS standings cut to just eight points following their ninth-place result in Hong Kong. After reaching the Cup final at each of the first four events, they have finished fifth or lower at each of the past two tournaments.
  - They have played three Cup finals in Singapore, in 2002, 2004 and 2023, but are still chasing their first Cup title at this location.
  - Argentina enjoy the second-highest retention success from the restart of any team this season with 27%. Only once this season have they failed to retain less than 25% of their restarts at a single tournament (Los Angeles).
  - After averaging 23.8 tries per tournament between Dubai and Vancouver, their scoring rate has dropped to 15 tries per tournament since Los Angeles.
  - They have the highest ratio of tries scored from structured possession sources of any team this season, with the 71% (50% from set-piece and 21% from the restart).
    - They scored a tournament-high eight tries from set-piece in Hong Kong, but just one from the restart, the joint-second fewest of any team.
  - They will look to improve their efficiency inside the opposition 22 after scoring from just 62% of their visits in Hong Kong, the second-lowest success-rate of any team and their lowest at any tournament this season.
    - They have made the most visits to the opposition 22 of any team this season (160), with 38% of their missed opportunities coming inside the past two events.
  - Their attack is averaging the joint-most line-breaks (2.9) and the fourth-most carries (24) per game of any team this season. As a result, they are averaging one line-break every 8.3 carries, the fourth-best ratio of any team.
    - This ratio has increased as the season has progressed, from one line-break every 7.5 carries between Dubai and Perth, to one every 9.3 carries since Vancouver.
  - They will look to start strongly in Singapore after being held to one try or less in the first-half in four of their five games played in Hong Kong. They trailed at the break in all three pool matches, only coming back to win once, against Great Britain.
  - They have conceded the fewest tries of any team this season, averaging 10.8 per tournament.
  - They have been the most disciplined team this season, averaging a competition-low 2.2 penalties per game, including the fewest of any team in Hong Kong (6).
  - Argentina are currently enjoying a four-game winning streak against Australia dating back to Singapore last season.
    - All three victories this season have been comprehensive, enjoying an average half-time lead of 20 points, and a full-time winning margin of 25 points.
  - In their 100th SVNS meeting, this will be only the second time Argentina and New Zealand have met in the pool rounds this season – seven of their past eight matches since Hamilton last season have all been Cup quarter-finals, semi-finals or finals.
    - Argentina have won just 15 of their 99 SVNS matches against New Zealand, but 33% of these victories have come since 2019.
  - Argentina are currently enjoying a 10-game winning streak against Canada dating back to London in 2022, and will be looking to win 11-straight in this fixture for the first time.

- **Australia** have dropped one place into sixth on the HSBC SVNS standings despite their fourth-place result in Hong Kong.
  - They have never failed to reach the Cup quarter-finals in Singapore, and have finished inside the top three at two of the past four tournaments with second in 2018 and third in 2022.
  - Australia have scored 64% of their tries this season from unstructured possession sources with a competition-high 43% originating from the quick-tap, 20% from steals and 1% from kicks in play.
  - Their first try in Singapore will be their 4,000th overall in SVNS history – only Fiji, New Zealand and South Africa have reached this milestone.
  - They will look to improve their efficiency inside the red zone after converting just 68% of their visits into the opposition 22 last round, the second-lowest ratio of any team.
    - Their red zone success-rate fell has fallen significantly recently, down from 74% in Perth to 68% across Vancouver, Los Angeles and Hong Kong.
  - They have become more ill-disciplined as the season has progressed, with their penalty count increasing from 3.1 per game between Dubai and Vancouver, to four per game since Los Angeles.
    - They have not received a yellow card since Vancouver, and their five overall this season are the least of any team.
  - Australia have looked for width this season, averaging the second-fewest carries per game of any team with 20.5 but the fourth-most passes with 39.5. When they do have ball in hand, they are breaking the defensive line quickly, averaging one line-break every 8.2 carries, the joint-second best ratio of any team.
  - Australia have not tasted victory against Argentina since Sydney last season. They will look to start strongly after conceding the first four tries of the match in all three meetings this season.
  - Australia have won both meeting this season against Canada, after sharing the spoils evenly last season with two wins apiece. In their 63rd SVNS meeting overall, this will be their first in Singapore.
    - They have kept Canada scoreless in three of their four halves of rugby this season.
  - In their 99th SVNS meeting against New Zealand, this will be the fourth time they've played each other this season, with Australia's only victory coming in Los Angeles.
    - Australia have only beaten New Zealand 19 times in SVNS history, but six of these victories (32%) have come since the start of 2020. They have won six of 10 games in this period when scoring 19 points or more against the All Black Sevens.
    - They have only beaten New Zealand once in six previous matches in Singapore, 19-12 in the pool rounds in 2018.
- **Canada** have finished 12th at five of the six events this season, and will compete in the relegation play-off in Madrid. Their best result came in Cape Town, finishing seventh.
  - They will be looking to end a 20-game losing streak dating back to their opening pool game in Perth. This is their longest losing run in SVNS history.
  - Their last victory came against France in the seventh-place play-off in Cape Town.
  - They have won just three of 30 games played this season, against New Zealand, Samoa, and France in Cape Town, winless in Dubai, Perth, Vancouver, Los Angeles and Hong Kong.

- They have only been within seven points in six of their 27 losses this season.
- Try scoring has been an issue this season, with the least of any team after six rounds (52) from the fewest visits (75) to the opposition 22. They are averaging 8.7 tries per tournament this season, almost four less than their 2023 Series average of 12.5.
  - They scored just four tries in Hong Kong, their lowest tournament total in their history.
  - Fifty per cent of their tries scored this season have originated from set-piece, the joint-highest ratio alongside Argentina.
  - They have only made a combined total of 12 visits to the opposition 22 across the past two tournaments, but have made the most of their limited chances and have scored 11 tries (92% success-rate).
- They have only led at the break on six occasions this season, and just once since Cape Town. They have only converted 50% of these half-time advantages into victories.
  - They will look to start strongly after being held scoreless in the first-half of four of their five games in Hong Kong.
- Their attack is averaging a competition-high 25.1 carries per game, but the third-fewest line-breaks with 1.9. They are averaging just one line-break every 13.2 carries this season, the highest ratio of any team.
- Defence has been an issue this season, conceding the most tries of any team with 118, including the most of any team in a tournament this season with 24 in Hong Kong.
  - They have the lowest tackle completion-rate of any team this season with 64%.
- They have been one of the most accurate goal kicking teams from the sidelines this season, enjoying a 42% success-rate from the left, and 55% success-rate from the right.
- Canada have won just one of their past 14 SVNS matches against New Zealand, with their solitary victory coming this season in Cape Town.
  - They have scored more tries against New Zealand this season (10) than against any other opponent.
- Their attack against Australia this season has made just one visit to the opposition 22 across two games played. They have made just two line-breaks from 43 total carries, with Lachlan Kratz scoring their only try in the final play in Cape Town.
- Canada have not tasted victory against Argentina since London in 2019, and have been outscored by a combined total of 95-15 across all four losses this season.
- **Fiji** have not won a Cup title at any location since Toulouse on the 2022 Series, 20 tournaments ago. This is their longest Cup title drought since playing 21 events between Brisbane in 2003 and Dubai in 2005 without lifting the trophy.
  - There have only been six seasons in their history where they have failed to win a Cup title – 2000-01, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2007-08, 2010-11, and 2023.
  - They have not played a Cup final this season – excluding the Covid-19 affected 2021 and 2022 Series, they have never failed to make at least one Cup final in a single season in SVNS history.
  - They have never failed to reach the Cup quarter-finals in Singapore, and have placed inside the top three at each of the past four events since 2018.
  - They are the best team this season at retaining possession from the restart, averaging a competition-high 32% success-rate. They produced a tournament-high 47% success-rate last round in Hong Kong.

- They continue to be involved in close contests this season with 21 of their 33 matches decided by a margin of seven points or less, the most by any team.
- They are the top offloading team this season, averaging 6.2 per game. However, this is coming at a cost also averaging the most errors per game (3.2) of any team.
- They have been the most efficient team inside the opposition 22 this season alongside USA, averaging a competition-high 81% success rate inside the red zone. They have only squandered more than five chances in a single tournament twice this season, in Dubai and Hong Kong.
- They like to score quickly with the best ratio of rucks per try (1.7), from the fourth-fewest carries per game (22) of any team this season.
  - Fifty-three per cent of their tries scored this season have originated from unstructured possession sources – quick tap, steals, kick returns.
  - Only 50% of their tries this season have been directly assisted by a team-mate, the joint-highest ratio of solo efforts on attack by any team alongside Ireland.
- They produced their best defensive performance of the season in Hong Kong, conceding just nine tries, the third-fewest of any team, and producing the joint-highest tackle completion rate with 85% alongside New Zealand.
- Fiji will play USA for only the second time this season, and first since the pool stage since Dubai (won 21-14). This is the first time since 2020 that they have met so infrequently in a single season (Cape Town and Vancouver).
  - Their only meeting this season was the opening game of the 2024 Series, which saw Jeremaia Matale score the opening try of the match inside the first minute.
- Fiji have scored just three tries across two games against Great Britain this season. After suffering a 24-point loss in Dubai, their only victory this season was narrow, by just three points (15-12) in Los Angeles.
  - They have struggled to maintain their discipline in this fixture this season, receiving one yellow card and losing the penalty count 12-5.
- After winning their first two matches this season against Ireland by five points and seven points respectively in Dubai and Cape Town, Fiji have lost the past two by an average margin of 11 points since Perth.
  - This will be the first time these two teams have been drawn in the same pool since London last season. All four games in 2024 have been in Cup or placing matches.
- **France** remain in fourth on the SVNS standings after claiming their third top-three finish of the season, finishing second in Hong Kong.
  - They have earned 73% of their total series points this season since Vancouver (54/74).
  - They trail Fiji by just three points as they look to end the regular season inside the top three for the very first time. They finished fourth overall on the 2023 Series, just five points adrift of Fiji in third.
  - They have scored 58% of their tries this season from unstructured possession sources (quick taps, kicks in play, and steals), the third-highest ratio of any team behind South Africa and Australia, including a competition-high 21% from steals.
    - They were the top try-scoring team in Hong Kong with 18, and for the second time in a single tournament this season after Vancouver.
    - They were the top try-scoring team in Singapore two years ago with 27 tries.
    - They have the second-highest ratio of assisted tries of any team this season (65%).

- They will look to improve their efficiency inside the opposition 22 after scoring from just 72% of their entries across the past two tournaments, down from their season average of 83% between Dubai and Vancouver.
- They have been the second-most ill-disciplined team this season, conceding a 4.2 penalties per game and receiving the most yellow cards of any team with 16.
  - They have not conceded fewer than 20 penalties in a single tournament since Dubai.
- They came into Hong Kong with an average restart retention success of 13% across the opening five events, but this increased to 37% last round.
- They are averaging the third-most offloads per game of any team this season with 5.4, and made a tournament-high 36 last round in Hong Kong. Thirty-two per cent of their try assists this season have come via the offload pass.
- They have missed just one conversion attempt from the centre of the field, enjoying a 98% success rate in this zone, the highest of any team.
  - They have also been accurate from the sidelines, with the second-highest success-rate from the left (43%), and the third-highest from the right (44%).
- France have won the past two, and 12 of their past 13 games against Samoa since Vancouver in 2019.
  - Their 40-7 victory in their last meeting at BC Place this season was their third-largest all-time in this fixture.
  - This will be the first time they have played Samoa in Singapore since 2016.
- France are unbeaten in their past 19 SVNS matches against Spain with 18 wins and one draw since the 2018 Series.
  - Four of their past 13 victories since 2020 have been when trailing at half-time.
- This will be just the second time France have played South Africa this season following their 24-5 loss in Perth. Last season they met five times, with France unbeaten in four games with three wins and one draw.
  - This fixture sees one of the top offloading teams this season (France averaging the third-most per game with 5.4) up against a team who average the fewest.
  - They have scored just one try from 27 carries against South Africa this season.
- **Great Britain** are in a battle with USA to secure the final top eight spot in Madrid. They currently sit seven points adrift from the safety of eighth.
  - They finished sixth in Singapore last season in their first appearance at this tournament.
    - Five of their six games last year were close contests, decided by a margin of seven points or less.
  - Set-piece has been their main try-scoring source this season with 33% originating from this source, the fifth-highest ratio of any team. However, in a change in tactic last round, they scored 40% of their tries in Hong Kong from the restart.
  - They have rarely entered the opposition 22 this season, making the third-fewest visits of any team with 104 in total. Their 71% success-rate in Hong Kong was their highest at any tournament since Cape Town, but still the fifth-lowest of any team.
  - Despite recording the second-lowest tackle completion-rate of any team in Hong Kong (68%), they conceded their fewest tries in a tournament this season with just 13.
    - Three of their five losses last round were by five points or less.

- They led at half-time in all five matches in Hong Kong, but converted just one these leads into a win. They surrendered four leads at the break, outscored by a combined total of 67-19 after half-time.
- They are the most ill-disciplined team this season, conceding a competition-high 4.5 penalties per game, including the joint-most of any team in Hong Kong with 23.
  - They received three yellow cards last round, their most in a single tournament since the opening round in Dubai.
- After averaging just 58% of their conversion attempts this season prior to Hong Kong, this improved to 88%, kicking eight from nine attempts.
  - They have been the second-most accurate team from the right-hand side this season, converting 52% of their shots from this angle – only Canada have a higher success-rate from this side of the field (55%).
- They have been patient on attack averaging just one line-break every 10.5 carries this season, the third-highest ratio of any team behind Canada and Samoa, and one try every 5.3 rucks, the second-highest of any team behind Canada.
- Great Britain ended a four-game losing streak against Ireland in their last meeting in Vancouver with a 17-14 win in the pool stages.
  - Twelve of their 14 meetings on the HSBC SVNS since 2021 have been decided by seven points or less. Only in Vancouver in 2021 and Toulouse last season has the margin been greater than a converted try.
- They broke through for their first SVNS win against Fiji in Dubai in this season, holding the four-time Series champions scoreless in a match for the first time in seven years.
  - They have maintained good ball control against Fiji this season, making just three errors in total across both previous matches.
- Great Britain have won just two of their five meetings against USA this season, with both victories coming in Cape Town.
  - This fixture sees two teams who have relied heavily on set-piece this season to score tries go head-to-head, both with 33% try origins in 2024.
- **Ireland** have closed the gap behind Argentina from 20 points to just eight points as they race to become league winners in the final regular season tournament.
  - Since becoming a core team four seasons ago, they have finished 10th in 2020, sixth in 2021, fifth in 2022 and ninth last season.
  - They are yet to finish higher than third at a tournament this season – Perth, Los Angeles and Hong Kong.
  - Ireland have scored 41% of their tries this season from set-piece possession, the third-highest ratio of any team, and their main scoring source.
    - However, six of their 15 tries in Hong Kong (40%) originated from the quick-tap, the second-most tries from this source of any team.
    - They have been the highest scoring team this season in the Cup and play-off stages of a tournament with 52 tries.
  - Only 50% of their tries scored this season have been directly assisted by a team-mate, the joint-highest ratio of solo effort on attack of any team alongside Fiji.
  - They are averaging the second-fewest offloads per game of any team this season with 2.4, however 43% of their total offloads made have come across the last two events.

- As a result, they continue to be accurate with ball in hand, averaging the fewest errors of any team with 1.9 per game.
- Their defence enjoys the second-highest tackle completion rate of any team this season with 76%, and has made the third-most steals of any team with 19 in total.
- Ireland have kicked just 63% of their conversion attempts this season and have struggled in particular from the left-hand side, with just a 17% accuracy from this position, the second-lowest success-rate of any team.
- Ireland squandered a seven-point half-time lead in their 17-14 loss in their last meeting against Great Britain in Vancouver. It was an ill-disciplined performance from both teams with Ireland conceding six penalties, and Great Britain five.
  - This will be the second consecutive season they have been drawn in the same pool in Singapore – Great Britain won 14-7 last year courtesy of a match winning try by Freddie Roddick in the 12th minute.
- Ireland have won two of their three matches against USA this season, but their Cup quarter-final victory in Hong Kong has been the narrowest margin in this fixture in 2024 (five points).
  - They have not conceded more than seven points in the second-half in a match against USA this season.
- Ireland broke through for their maiden SVNS victory against Fiji in Singapore in 2022, and are currently on a two-game winning streak against them since Perth.
  - After conceding 29 points in their opening game in Dubai, Ireland have held Fiji to less than 20 points in each of their past three matches.
  - It has been a game of two halves this season, with both teams able to hold the other scoreless after half-time in three of their four meetings, with Ireland keeping a clean-sheet in Dubai and Fiji achieving this in Cape Town.
- **New Zealand** are looking to become the first team to successfully defend their HSBC Singapore Sevens Cup title. Following their success in Hong Kong last round, they have climbed above Australia into fifth on the standings.
  - Excluding the Covid-19 affected 2021 and 2022 Series, New Zealand have never finished lower than fourth in the regular season.
  - They put together their longest winning streak of the season in Hong Kong, with six consecutive victories. Prior to this, 10 of their 15 victories between Dubai and Los Angeles had been followed by a loss in the very next game played.
  - Their try-scoring rate has dropped significantly this season, down to 16.5 per tournament from 24.5 per event on the 2023 Series.
    - They won their Cup title in Hong Kong scoring just 17 tries, the fewest they've scored to win a Cup title in their history (previous was 18 tries to win in Vancouver in 2016).
    - They have not scored more than 20 tries in a tournament since Dubai (21), something they achieved at their first 16 tournaments after returning from Covid-19 isolation in Singapore in 2022.
    - The quick-tap (28%) and set-piece (21%) have been their main try scoring sources this season. In Hong Kong, eight of their 17 tries were scored via set-piece, the joint-most of any team alongside Argentina.
  - They enjoyed the third-highest success-rate inside the opposition 22 of any team this season, converting 80% of their visits into tries.

- They have made the second-most try assists of any team this season with 65, enjoying the highest ratio of assisted tries with 68%.
  - Thirty-four per cent of their try assists this season have come via the offload pass.
- Their defence conceded just six tries in Hong Kong, the fewest of any team in a single tournament this season, and their least across any event since Sydney last season (4).
  - They restricted their opposition to seven points or less in five of six games played.
- They have made four half-time comebacks this season, including three across the past six games when they have trailed at the break since Vancouver.
- They will look to improve their accuracy in front of goal after kicking just 12 of their past 29 conversion attempts since Los Angeles (42%), a significant drop from their season average of 78% between Dubai and Vancouver.
  - They have struggled this season from the sidelines, kicking just 32% from the left edge, the third-lowest success-rate in the competition, and 35% from the right side.
- They have only ever lost three pool games in Singapore, but two of these defeats have come against Pool A opponents Australia and Argentina.
- New Zealand will play Canada in Singapore for the first time in seven years, and only the fourth time in their history. They have won 14 of their past 16 SVNS matches against Canada, with their only two losses in this period coming in Singapore in 2017 and earlier this season in Cape Town.
- New Zealand held Argentina scoreless in their last meeting in Hong Kong for the first time in 10 years, with a 22-0 shut out in the pool rounds.
  - These two teams met in the Cup final in Singapore last season, with New Zealand winning by just two points (19-17). All five previous matches between these two teams at the National Stadium have been close, decided by seven points or less.
- This is the third time they have drawn Australia in the pool rounds this season, while only 32% of New Zealand's 98 total SVNS matches against them have come at this stage.
  - They have not conceded more than five second-half points in a match against Australia this season.
- **Samoa** remain in 11th on the HSBC SVNS standings after finishing 10th in Hong Kong, and will compete in the relegation play-off in Madrid.
  - Their best result in Singapore came last season, finishing fourth.
  - They have not topped their pool this season, something they achieved six times in 2023. They have lost their past eight pool games, their longest losing run in this stage of a tournament since the 2020 Series (12 games). Their last pool match victory came against Australia in Vancouver.
  - Samoa will look to increase their try-scoring rate after crossing just six times in Hong Kong, their lowest tournament total at any event since London in 2013 (five tries).
  - They squandered two half-time leads in Hong Kong, losing to Spain and Ireland when ahead at the break. Their only victory, against Great Britain, came when trailing.
  - They will look to improve their efficiency inside the opposition 22, averaging the second-lowest ratio of any team this season with 67%. They converted just six of their 10 visits in Hong Kong, the lowest success-rate of any team (60%).

- They scored 52% of their tries between Dubai and Vancouver from structured possession sources, but have moved away from this tactic across the past two events scoring 13 of their 17 tries (76%) from unstructured sources in quick-taps and steals.
- They will look to improve the potency of their attack, averaging one line-break every 12.7 carries this season, the second-highest ratio of any team behind Canada.
- They are averaging the second-most offloads per game of any team (5.6) behind Fiji, but this is coming at a cost, averaging the joint-second most errors per game with 2.9.
- They have been one of the most accurate teams in front of goal this season, converting a competition-high 74% of their attempts, including 50% from the left-hand side.
- They will look to improve their discipline after earning 11 yellow cards this season, the joint-third most of any team. Eight of them have come since Vancouver, after receiving just three between Dubai and Perth.
- Samoa have never lost against France in Singapore, winning both previous matches in 2006 and 2016, but are chasing only their second victory in this fixture overall in the past five years following their 28-21 win in London last season.
- Samoa are yet to lead South Africa at half-time this season, but have won one of their three meetings, overturning a 10-point deficit at the break in Los Angeles to win 19-10.
  - They have received a yellow card in each of their three matches against the Blitzboks this season, losing the total penalty count 12-10 across Dubai, Los Angeles and Hong Kong.
- They have lost both games against Spain this season, but have earned a losing bonus point in both defeats.
  - They surrendered a seven-point half-time lead in their 17-14 loss in Hong Kong, conceding 10 unanswered points after the break.
- **South Africa** have secured their place in the top eight for Madrid, despite dropping from first on the HSBC SVNS standings after to Dubai, to seventh after Hong Kong.
  - After earning 42 competition points after the opening three rounds, this has dropped dramatically to just 16 points in total since Perth.
  - They are two-time Cup finalists in Singapore, but have not reached this stage since 2019, finishing sixth in 2022 and ninth last season.
  - They scored 12 of their 14 tries in Hong Kong during the pool rounds, but just two across their Cup quarter-final and fifth-place play-off combined.
    - This has been a trend this season, scoring the fifth-most tries of any team during the pool stages (53), but only the eighth-most during Cup and placing matches (25).
    - Sixty-three per cent of their total tries this season have come in the pool rounds.
  - They have scored the highest ratio of any team of tries from unstructured possession (62%), including the most of any team from kicks in play (7%).
  - They have made the most kicks in play of any team this season with 84, and have retained 39%, the fifth-highest ratio.
  - They are averaging the fewest carries (16) per game this season but are breaking the defensive line every 8.7 carries, the fifth-best ratio.
  - They are averaging the fewest offloads per game of any team this season with 1.3. Only five of their 49 try assists this season have come via an offload.

- They produced their highest success-rate inside the opposition 22 last round in Hong Kong, converting 88% of their entries. Prior to Hong Kong, their season average had been just 67%.
- They will look to improve their accuracy in front of goal, converting just 57% of their attempts this season, the lowest success-rate of any team.
  - They have converted just 24% of their attempts from the right-hand side, and a competition-low 12% from the left.
- They have conceded the second-fewest tries of any team this season at an average of 12.2 per tournament despite having the fifth-lowest tackle completion-rate (71%).
  - They have won 15 of 17 games when conceding 14 points or less, but just three of 14 matches when conceding three or more tries.
- South Africa have won 25 of the past 26 SVNS meetings against Spain, with their only loss coming in Singapore last season. Four of their past five meetings have been decided by seven points or less, compared to their first 21 matches which saw an average winning margin of 28 points to the Blitzboks.
- South Africa will look to improve their discipline against Samoa after conceding six penalties and earning two yellow cards in their last meeting in Hong Kong.
- South Africa have never lost to France in Singapore, winning all four previous meetings.
  - They completed 81% of their tackle attempts in their 19-point victory in Perth this season, conceding just one try from two visits to their own 22.
- **Spain** are 10th on the HSBC SVNS standings and trail the safety of eighth by 11 points in the race to avoid the play-off in Madrid.
  - They have never finished higher than seventh in Singapore.
  - They have conceded the second-most tries of any team this season with 111 (18.5 per tournament), two more than their 2023 Series average of 16 per tournament.
    - However, their defence has improved as the season has progressed, conceding just 15 in Hong Kong, their lowest tournament total in 2024.
  - They have scored the third-fewest tries of any team this season with 72, with 38% originating from set-piece, their main try-scoring possession source. They are yet to score more than 14 tries in a single tournament this season – last season they achieved this three times, in Dubai, Singapore and Toulouse.
  - They will look to improve their efficiency in the opposition 22, converting just 65% of their entries into tries, the lowest ratio of any team this season. Only once this season has their efficiency been above 70% in a single tournament – 72% in Vancouver.
  - Spain are still chasing their first win against South Africa this season, but are averaging 14.3 points per game against them in 2024 compared to 12 points per game last year.
  - They have not tasted victory against France since Dubai on the 2018 Series, and only twice in their history alongside Glasgow in 2012.
    - They will look to start strongly after being outscored 40-17 in the first half across their three meetings this season.
  - Spain have now won consecutive matches against Samoa for the first time – their first three victories came across 30 matches between 2002-23.
    - They have never beaten Samoa in Singapore, losing all four previous meetings by an average margin of 15 points.

- **USA** have stretched their lead above Great Britain to seven points as they fight to avoid the relegation play-off in Madrid, and remain in eighth position on the HSBC SVNS standings.
  - They have not recorded a top five result in Singapore since finishing third in 2019. They placed sixth in 2022 and 13th last season.
  - Their main try-scoring platform this season has been set-piece, with 33% originating from this source.
  - They have been the most consistent team inside the opposition 22 this season, scoring from 80% of their entries. Their success-rate has not dropped below 70% at any single event this season, and have squandered no more than five chances in the red zone at five of six tournaments.
  - USA discipline has worsened across their past two tournaments, conceding four penalties per game since Los Angeles, compared to 2.6 per game between Dubai and Vancouver.
  - USA have won just four games against Fiji since the start of 2020, but three of these victories have been come-from-behind wins, in Dubai on the 2022 Series, and in Cape Town and Vancouver last season.
    - They were unable to capitalize on time in the opposition 22 in Dubai earlier this season, scoring just two tries from four visits to the red zone. Their defence completed just 50% of their tackle attempts, conceding three tries from 23 carries.
  - USA played Ireland in the 13th-place semi-final in Singapore last season, and this will be the third consecutive tournament where they have met after also being drawn in the pool rounds here in 2022.
    - USA have never conceded more than 14 points in a match against Ireland in Singapore, but have won just once.
  - Just seven points separates USA and Great Britain on the HSBC SVNS standings heading into this fixture as both teams look to avoid the play-off in Madrid.
    - USA are on a three-game winning streak against Great Britain, outscoring them by a combined total of 70-24 since Perth. They have never won four-straight games in this fixture.
    - They have kept Great Britain scoreless across their past three halves of rugby.

## KEY PLAYER STATS

- Six players will be making their sixth appearance in Singapore, equalling the tournament record shared by Kenya's Nelson Oyoo and South Africa's Siviwe Soyizwapi – **Perry Baker**, **Dylan Collier**, **Regan Ware**, **Gaston Revol**, **German Schulz** and **Morgan Williams**.
- Argentina's **Luciano Gonzalez** has made the joint-most carries of any player this season with 127 alongside Ireland's Terry Kennedy. He made a tournament-high 37 carries in Singapore last season.
- **Teddy Wilson**, the former Junior Wallabies captain and son of 79-test and Rugby World Cup winning back-rower David Wilson, will make his HSBC SVNS debut for Australia.
  - He captained Australia to fifth at the World Rugby U20 Championship in South Africa last year, and has played 16 games for the Waratahs in Super Rugby Pacific.
- Fiji's **Joseva Talacolo** has made the most offloads of any player this season with 45, however only four have resulted in a try assist (9%).
  - He is one of only four survivors in this Fijian team from their last Cup title in Singapore in 2022, alongside Jeremaia Matana, Kaminieli Rasaku, and Pilipo Bukayaro.
- France's third all-time leading point-scorer **Jean Pascal Barraque** returns to the HSBC SVNS for the first time since Singapore last season. He requires just 23 more points to move ahead of Paul Albaladejo into second for Les Bleus.
- Great Britain's **Max McFarland** was the tournament's top try-scorer in Singapore in 2019 with nine tries for Scotland. This is still his career-best haul at a single SVNS event.
- Ireland's **Zac Ward** has scored the most doubles of any player this season with five. He has scored four or more tries in each of his past three tournaments after only achieving this twice across his first 14 events since making his debut in 2022.
- In the absence of Marcos Moneta through injury, Ireland's **Terry Kennedy** needs just two more tries to become the leading try-scorer this season.
  - He was the Series top try-scorer in 2022 with 52 tries, and has scored the most hat-tricks of any player this season with three.
  - Eleven of his 17 kicks in play this season have been retained (65%), the highest rate of any player who has made more than 10.
- New Zealand have eight survivors from their Cup title in Singapore last season – **Dylan Collier**, **Cody Vai**, **Leroy Carter**, **Brady Rush**, **Regan Ware**, **Fehi Fineanganofa**, **Moses Leo** and **Lewis Ormond**. Ormond has not played a SVNS match since that Cup final.
  - **Leroy Carter** was awarded HSBC Player of the Final in their victory, while all three try-scorers return in **Brady Rush**, **Moses Leo** and captain **Dylan Collier**.
- **Cody** and **Kitiona Vai** are the seventh set of brothers to have represented the All Black 7s on the HSBC SVNS Series after Rieko and Akira Ioane, Ardie and Julian Savea, Rico and Hosea Gear, Declan and Kyle O'Donnell, Jackson and Lewis Ormond, and Anthony and Nafi Tuitavake.
  - This will be the first time they have played alongside each other with Kitiona returning to the SVNS for the first time since London in 2022.
  - The only pair of brothers the All Blacks 7s have fielded in the same tournament is Rieko and Akira Ioane, who played alongside each other in Sydney, Wellington, Paris and London on the 2015-16 Series.
- South Africa's **Selvyn Davids** has made the most try assists of any player this season with 19, including a season-high six from kicks in play.
- USA's **Perry Baker** was the top try-scorer in Singapore last season with eight. He has not scored this many tries in a single tournament since then.