

KEY TEAM STATS

- **Argentina** will be looking to qualify as a core team for the first time in their history after making three previous appearances on the HSBC SVNS Series as an invitational team – Houston in 2012-13, São Paulo in 2013-14 and Las Vegas in 2016-17.
 - They finished second on the 2024 Challenger Series standings, despite placing fifth in Krakow, their lowest result of the season.
 - They scored the joint-second most tries (63) from the second-most visits (79) to the opposition 22, but converted 80% of their entries, only the sixth-best ratio. They squandered eight chances in the red zone last round in Krakow (19 tries/ 27 visits).
 - They will look to improve their discipline after averaging the second-most penalties per game of any team on the Challenger Series (4.5). They earned the second-most yellow cards of any team with nine.
 - They were the most accurate team in front of goal from a minimum of 10 attempts, successfully kicking 57% of their conversions.
 - They have only won one SVNS Series fixture in their history, 25-5 against Trinidad and Tobago in Houston in 2012-13. Thirteen of their 14 losses overall have been more than 20 points.
 - They have never scored a SVNS Series point against two of their three Pool B opponents in Brazil and South Africa.
 - They have played Belgium on five previous occasions across Challenger Series and World Rugby Sevens Series Qualifiers combined since 2017.
 - They have traded wins evenly across every game, and following their 40-5 victory in Montevideo earlier this season, will be looking to go back-to-back for the first time.
 - Despite losing the penalty count 6-4 and receiving one yellow card, they were will able to average one try every four carries and convert all six entries into the Belgium 22 into tries in their 40-5 win.
- **Belgium** will be looking to qualify as a core team for the first time in their history after making just two previous appearances on the HSBC SVNS Series as an invitational team in Málaga and Seville in 2022.
 - They won just two of their 10 games played in Spain on the 2022 Series, against Brazil in Málaga and Portugal in Seville.
 - They finished third on the World Rugby HSBC Challenger Series 2024, winning 13 of their 17 games played.
 - They scored the fourth-most tries in total with 62, including the second-most of any team in Krakow with 25.
 - They enjoyed plenty of possession this season, averaging the second-most carries (24) and a competition-high 38 passes per game.
 - They enjoyed the second-highest restart retention success of any team with 15%.
 - Brazil are their only Pool B opponents they have previously met on the SVNS Series, winning 17-12 in Málaga. They dominated possession in that victory, making more carries (37-9) and passes (59-16), and were forced to make just eight tackle attempts.

- They suffered their largest loss against Argentina in their last meeting in Montevideo (30 points), conceding six tries, including four after half-time.
 - They will play South Africa for the first time since Stellenbosch on the 2023 Challenger Series, and are still chasing their first victory in their fourth meeting overall since the 2017 World Rugby Sevens Series Qualifiers.
 - Both losses last year were narrow, by seven points or less.
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- **Brazil** finished 10th on the HSBC SVNS standings after finishing 12th in Singapore. They placed ninth or higher at each of the first five events this season, but earned just four competition points across the remaining two rounds in Hong Kong and Singapore.
 - They have been a core team on the HSBC SVNS since 2020, and in seven of the 11 seasons in Women's Series history.
 - They have scored 26% of their tries this season from set-piece, their main try source.
 - They made just 11 visits to the opposition 22 in Singapore, their fewest in a single tournament this season. Their seven tries scored last round were their fewest at an event since Toulouse last season (5).
 - They are averaging one line-break every 11.8 carries, the third-highest ratio of any team this season behind South Africa (15) and Spain (14.4).
 - They rarely offload the ball, averaging the second-fewest per game of any team (2.2).
 - They have scored the second-highest percentage of assisted tries this season with 56. However, four of their seven tries in Singapore were solo efforts on attack.
 - They will look to improve their defence after conceding a tournament-high 24 tries in Singapore. They have conceded on average 18 per event this season, the second-most of any team behind Spain (18.6).
 - They have only restricted their opposition to two tries or less in 12 of 35 games this season (34%).
 - They averaged the third-lowest tackle completion-rate of any team this season with 69%.
 - Brazil will play Argentina on the SVNS Series for the first time since Las Vegas in 2017, and only the third time in their history. They have never conceded a point against their South American rivals, outscoring them by a combined total of 68-0 across their previous two meetings in Houston in 2012-13 and Las Vegas in 2016-17.
 - Brazil's only previous SVNS Series match against Belgium came in Málaga in 2022, suffering a narrow 17-12 loss. Errors proved costly in this defeat, making a game-high eight despite winning the penalty count 3-0.
 - Brazil have won two of their three matches this season against South Africa, victorious in Perth and Vancouver. They have been ahead or level at the break on all three occasions, only surrendering this advantage in their last meeting in Los Angeles.
 - **China** were crowned World Rugby HSBC Sevens Challenger 2024 champions after winning all three rounds in Dubai, Montevideo and Krakow.
 - They have not been a core team on the SVNS Series since 2019, and only twice in their history alongside 2014-15.
 - They were the top try-scoring team at every Challenger event this season, scoring 91 in total.

- They won 17 of their 18 games, with their only loss coming against Kenya in their opening pool match in Dubai.
- They enjoyed an 88% success-rate inside the opposition 22 from a competition-high 103 red zone visits this season.
- They averaged a competition-high 5.5 line-breaks per game from the fourth-most carries (21.6).
- On defence, they enjoyed the highest tackle completion-rate of any team with 81%. They restricted their opposition to two tries or less in 16 of their 18 games, with only Kenya in Dubai and Czechia in Montevideo able to cross their try-line three times.
- They earned the joint-fewest yellow cards of any team this season, but all three came in the last round in Krakow.
- This will be the first time they have played Spain since Hamilton on the 2020 Series. Their 31-0 victory that day is one of only two they have recorded in SVNS history, and their largest winning margin in this fixture.
- China are currently enjoying a five-game winning streak against Poland dating back to Stellenbosch on the 2022 Challenger Series.
 - All three victories this season have been comprehensive, by 12 points or more, including holding them scoreless in Krakow.
 - They conceded just one first-half try against Poland this season.
- China's only SVNS victory against Japan came in Kitakyushu in 2019, 7-0. This is the only time in their Series history they have won a match scoring seven points or less.
- **Japan** produced their best result of the season last round, finishing sixth in Singapore, but it wasn't enough as they finished the regular season five points adrift of Great Britain in eighth.
 - They have been a core team on four occasions in Women's Series history – 2015-16, 2018, 2023 and this season.
 - Their main try scoring source this season has been the set-piece (35%).
 - They have made more offloads as the season has progressed, averaging 4.7 per game since Vancouver, compared to 3.5 per game between Dubai and Perth.
 - They have won 33% of their total matches this season since Hong Kong, with four wins from 10 games compared to eight wins across their first 25 matches.
 - After conceding on average 19 tries per tournament between Dubai and Los Angeles, this dropped to 13.5 per event across Hong Kong and Singapore.
 - They completed 77% of their tackle attempts across Hong Kong and Singapore, above their season average of 73% across the first five events.
 - They rarely kick away possession, with the joint-fewest of any team this season (10) alongside France. They have made one kick or less in five of their seven tournaments this season.
 - Instead, they look for width with ball in hand, averaging the most passes per game of any team this season (40.3).
 - They were the most disciplined team in Singapore, conceding a tournament-low seven penalties, and are averaging the joint-second fewest per game of any team this season with 2.7. They have only earned three yellow cards this season, but each of them has come across the past three tournaments.

- Japan have only met China on three previous occasions on Women's Series history, in Guangzhou in 2012-13, Kitakyushu in 2019 and in Dubai last season.
 - All three previous meetings have been low scoring affairs with winning total just 12 points and 14 points by Japan, and just seven points by China.
 - Their winning margin in all three matches has never gone beyond seven points.
- This will be the first time Japan have played Poland on the SVNS Series, and this will be their first meeting since RWC Sevens 2022, when they came back from a seven-point deficit at half-time to win their Challenge final 17-12 in Cape Town.
- Japan have won all four games against Spain this season and are enjoying a five-game winning streak in this fixture dating back to Toulouse last season.
 - They have scored 14 tries against them this season, their second-most against any individual opponent behind South Africa (17).
 - They have come back from behind at half-time to win twice, overturning a deficit at the break in Cape Town and Hong Kong.
- **Poland** will be looking to qualify for the Women's Series as a core team for the first time. They made their HSBC SVNS debut in Spain in 2022 as the invitational team in Málaga and Seville, and have made just one more appearance since then, in Toulouse in 2023.
 - They finished fourth on the 2024 Challenger Series, with their best result coming on home soil with a second-place result in Krakow.
 - They won two of 10 games played in Spain in 2022, to finish eighth in Málaga and 10th in Seville.
 - They scored the joint-second most tries of any team on the 2024 Challenger Series with 63 alongside Argentina.
 - Fifty-two per cent of their tries scored this season were directly assisted by a team-mate, the third-highest ratio of any team behind Hong Kong China and Mexico.
 - They enjoyed plenty of possession this season, averaging the second-most passes (37) and third-most carries (22) per game.
 - On defence, they enjoyed the second-highest tackle completion rate of any team with 74% behind China.
 - Poland squandered a seven-point half-time lead against Japan in their last meeting at RWC Sevens 2022, conceding two tries in the final three minutes to lose 17-12. They completed just 75% of their tackle attempts.
 - Poland's last victory against Spain came at RWC Sevens 2022, 19-10 in the Challenge semi-finals in Cape Town. They lost their only previous Series meeting 41-7 in Toulouse in 2023, conceding seven tries, including four inside the first-half. They will look to improve their discipline after losing the penalty count 4-0 that day.
 - They have not tasted victory against China since RWC Sevens 2022 in Cape Town.
 - They have been outscored 91-22 combined across all three losses this season.
 - Discipline was an issue in all three losses, receiving three yellow cards and one red.
- **South Africa** will be looking to retain their core status in consecutive seasons for the first time after being relegated following their first Series as a core team in 2014-15.

- They finished 10th on the HSBC SVNS standings despite earning 65% of their total competition points across the last three events.
- Their main try scoring source this season has been set-piece, with 33% originating from this possession origin, including five of eight tries scored in Singapore.
 - They have been quick to counter-attack this season, scoring 27% of their tries from opposition errors or steals, the highest ratio of any team.
- After scoring 10 tries in Dubai, they have been held to seven or fewer in each of their past six tournaments.
- They produced their best efficiency inside the opposition 22 at a single tournament last round, converting 80% of their visits in Singapore into tries.
- They have missed just two of their 14 shots at goal across the past two events, enjoying an 86% success-rate in this period, an increase on their season average of 52% across the first five events.
- They rarely offload the ball, averaging a competition-low 1.1 per game this season.
- They have conceded the third-most tries of any team this season with 17.7 per event.
 - They produced the lowest tackle completion-rate of any team this season with 67%, averaging the second-most missed tackles per game (5.8) behind Fiji.
- They have made the most kicks in play of any team this season with 56, enjoying the second-highest retention rate with 50%.
- This will be their first match against Argentina across any World Rugby Sevens competition since Houston on the 2012-13 Series. South Africa won their pool match 27-0 that day, with Mathrin Simmers the only survivor from this victory.
- They are unbeaten against Belgium across all three previous meetings on the Challenger Series and World Rugby Sevens Series Qualifiers. The winning score in all three games has been exactly 17 points.
- They have won just one of their three SVNS matches against Brazil this season, 10-7 in their last meeting in Los Angeles. They have never gone back-to-back in this fixture, with each of their previous two wins followed by a loss next game.
 - They overturned a half-time deficit to win, one of only two comebacks this season when trailing at the break.
- **Spain** finished 12th on the HSBC SVNS standings after only placing higher than 11th once, with a seventh-place result in Vancouver.
 - They have been a core team on the Women's Series since 2013-14.
 - They have won just three of their past 15 games since Los Angeles, and have been unable to record back-to-back victories this season, with all six wins followed by a loss.
 - All six victories this season have come when they are ahead or level at half-time – they are one of only two teams this season alongside Canada who have not recorded a half-time comeback.
 - They have not overturned a deficit at the break to win since the opening round of the 2023 Series against Fiji in Dubai.
 - They will look to increase their try-scoring rate after averaging just 7.3 per tournament this season. Their 51 tries during the regular season were the second-fewest of any team ahead of South Africa (45).

- They have not scored more than nine tries in a single tournament this season, after scoring 10 or more in five of seven events in 2023.
- Their main scoring sources this season has been the quick-tap, with 31% originating from this possession.
- They will look to improve the strike-rate on attack, averaging the most rucks per try of any team this season with 9.6, and the second-highest carry per line-break ratio of 14.4.
- They produced their best attacking ratios of the season last round in Singapore, averaging a try every 6.3 rucks, and a line-break every 7.7 carries.
- They made the second-fewest visits to the opposition 22 of any team during the regular season (74), converting just 69% of these entries into tries, the second-lowest success-rate.
- Fifty-five per cent of their tries this season were directly assisted by a team-mate, the fourth-highest ratio of any team.
- They will look to improve their error-rate, averaging the third-most per game of any team this season with 2.9.
- Seven of their previous 10 SVNS matches against China have been decided by a margin of seven points or less. They have traditionally dominated this fixture with eight wins since 2015, however their 31-point loss in Hamilton in 2020 saw them held scoreless for the first time by China.
- The past two, and three of their four losses against Japan this season have been narrow, by seven points or less. They have not tasted victory in this fixture since the ninth-place play-off in Hong Kong last season.
- They will look to increase their scoring rate in the second-half, held to just one try in this period in all four defeats this season.
- Spain averaged a try every 4.2 carries against Poland the last time they met in Toulouse in 2023, dominating the attack with eight line-breaks and 100% success inside the opposition 22 in their 41-7 victory.

KEY PLAYER STATS

- Argentina have just three players in their squad with previous SVNS experience, with **Mayra Genghini**, **Josefina Padellaro** and **Sofia Gonzalez** survivors from their last appearance in Las Vegas in 2017.
- **Maria Brigido Chamorro** and **Marianela Escalante** were Argentina's top try-scorers on the Challenger Series with nine each, while **Sofia Gonzalez** scored a team-high three doubles this season, the joint-third most of any player.
 - **Sofia Gonzalez** also led their defensive effort with a team-high 33 tackles. Her only SVNS try came against Ireland in São Paulo in 2014.
- Belgium have seven players returning following their SVNS debut in Spain in 2022 – **Pauline Gernaey** had the honour of scoring their first Women's Series try, crossing in the third minute of their opening match against Australia.
- **Cécile Blondiau** was Belgium's top try-scorer on the 2024 Challenger Series this season with 18, the second-most of any player. She made a team-high 82 carries, 20 line-breaks and 15 offloads on attack.
- **Thalia Da Silva Costa** is Brazil's top try-scorer this season (23) requires just four more tries to break her own season record of 26 tries set on the 2022 Series. She has scored the joint-fourth most doubles of any player this season with five.
- **Raquel Kochhann** has been Brazil's main playmaker this season with a team-high five try assists, including two for Thalia Da Silva Costa.
- **Marina Fioravanti Costa** has led Brazil's defensive effort this season with a team-high 62 tackles and four steals.
- **Liu Xiaoqian** was the top try-scorer on the 2024 Challenger Series with 28, including the most of any player in Dubai (9) and Montevideo (11). She scored the most doubles (6) and hatricks (3) of any player.
- **Chen Keyi** has played in 17 of China's 21 all-time HSBC SVNS appearances since 2012, and is their all-time leading point (196) and try (26) scorer.
- China's **Hu Yu** made a competition-high 42 tackles this season, including 21 in Montevideo, the most of any player at a single tournament.
- Poland's **Malgorza Koldej** scored nine tries in eight games in Spain in 2022, including a hatrick against Brazil and Canada.
- **Katarzyna Paszczyk** was Poland's leading try-scorer on the 2024 Challenger Series with 12 from just two tournament appearances. She scored the most tries of any player in Krakow, with a tournament-high nine on home soil.
- **Julia Druzgala** was the most accurate kicker on the 2024 Challenger Series (minimum three attempts), converting 71% of her conversion attempts.
- South Africa's **Nadine Roos** is directly responsible for 51% of South Africa's total points this season scoring 141 of their 281, including a team-high 17 tries.
 - She has made the most kicks in play of any player this season (29) enjoying a retention success of 48%. All five kicks made in Singapore were retained.
 - She has made a team-high six try assists this season, including three for Ayanda Malinga, the best combination for South Africa this season.
- In her debut season, **Juana Stella** is Spain's top try-scorer with eight from just six events played. Two have been assisted by Maria Calvo, the best combination for Spain.
- **Maria Calvo** has made a team-high seven try assists this season, all coming via offloads. She has led their attack with a team-high 86 carries.