

World Rugby U20 Trophy 2024 Pool B team profiles



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POOL B: URUGUAY

Head coach: Guillermo Storace

Captain: Franco Bertini

Nickname: Los Teritos

Coach notes

- This will be Guillermo Storace's third World Rugby U20 Trophy as head coach, having been at the helm for the 2016 and 2023 tournaments.
- Storace won 45 caps for Los Teros in his playing days, captaining the side on three occasions.
- He played in Uruguay's first two Men's Rugby World Cups, in 1999 and 2003, and was an assistant coach for the 2019 tournament in Japan.
- For two decades, he was a stalwart of the Old Christians club.
- His son, Guillermo Jnr, was part of Uruguay's squad for last year's U20 Trophy.

Qualification

- Uruguay confirmed their place in the U20 Trophy by beating Chile 45-17 in the Sudamérica Rugby U19 Championship in Santa Fe, Argentina, last November.
- A hat-trick by hooker Tomás Sturla with Nicolás Saab, Alfonso Perillo and Benjim Borrazas among Los Teritos' other try-scorers in the win.

U20 Trophy record

Played: 11 (2008, 2010-11, 2013-19, 2023)

Best result: Champions - 2008

2023 ranking: Runners-up

Final positions:

Year	Position
2008	Champions
2010	5th
2011	4th
2013	7th
2014	4th
2015	3rd
2016	6th
2017	3rd
2018	5th
2019	4th
2023	Runners-up

Played 44, Won 25, Drawn 1, Lost 18 – Points for 1,431, Points against 1,041, Tries for 184, Tries against 136

Previous results

Date	Stage	Team	Score	Team	Venue
15/04/2008	Pool	Uruguay	67-8	Korea	Estadio San Carlos, Santiago, Chile

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19/04/2008	Pool	Uruguay	82-0	Jamaica	Stade Français, Santiago, Chile
23/04/2008	Pool	Uruguay	20-16	Georgia	Stade Français, Santiago, Chile
27/04/2008	Final	Uruguay	20-8	Chile	Stade Français, Santiago, Chile
18/05/2010	Pool	Uruguay	12-15	Romania	Slava Stadium, Moscow, Russia
22/05/2010	Pool	Uruguay	42-14	Papua New Guinea	Fili Stadium, Moscow, Russia
26/05/2010	Pool	Uruguay	12-16	Italy	Slava Stadium, Moscow, Russia
30/05/2010	5th place play-off	Uruguay	13-11	Canada	Slava Stadium, Moscow, Russia
24/05/2011	Pool	Uruguay	33-5	Russia	Avchala Stadium, Tbilisi, Georgia
28/05/2011	Pool	Uruguay	6-37	Samoa	Shevardeni Stadium, Tbilisi, Georgia
01/06/2011	Pool	Uruguay	33-5	USA	Avchala Stadium, Tbilisi, Georgia
05/06/2011	3rd place play-off	Uruguay	15-20	Georgia	Avchala Stadium, Tbilisi, Georgia
28/05/2013	Pool	Uruguay	20-40	Japan	Estadio Municipal Freire, Temuco, Chile
01/06/2013	Pool	Uruguay	20-35	Tonga	Estadio German Becker, Temuco, Chile
05/06/2013	Pool	Uruguay	15-36	Canada	Estadio Municipal Pitrufo, Temuco, Chile
09/06/2013	7th place play-off	Uruguay	40-29	Namibia	Universidad de la Frontera, Temuco, Chile
07/04/2014	Pool	Uruguay	33-28	Japan	Hong Kong Football Club Ground, Hong Kong SAR
11/04/2014	Pool	Uruguay	18-18	Canada	Hong Kong Football Club Ground, Hong Kong SAR
15/04/2014	Pool	Uruguay	16-13	Namibia	Hong Kong Football Club Ground, Hong Kong SAR
19/04/2014	3rd place play-off	Uruguay	25-26	USA	Hong Kong Football Club Ground, Hong Kong SAR
12/05/2015	Pool	Uruguay	12-46	Georgia	CAR Rugby do Jamor, Lisbon, Portugal
16/05/2015	Pool	Uruguay	37-26	Portugal	CAR Rugby do Jamor, Lisbon, Portugal
20/05/2015	Pool	Uruguay	28-26	Fiji	CAR Rugby do Jamor, Lisbon, Portugal
24/05/2015	3rd place play-off	Uruguay	44-43	Tonga	CAR Rugby do Jamor, Lisbon, Portugal
19/04/2016	Pool	Uruguay	34-38	Fiji	Harare Sports Club, Harare, Zimbabwe
23/04/2016	Pool	Uruguay	50-22	Zimbabwe	Harare Sports Club, Harare, Zimbabwe
27/04/2016	Pool	Uruguay	22-56	Samoa	Harare Sports Club, Harare, Zimbabwe
01/05/2016	5th place play-off	Uruguay	30-32	USA	Harare Sports Club, Harare, Zimbabwe
29/08/2017	Pool	Uruguay	18-20	Portugal	Estadio Charrúa, Montevideo, Uruguay
02/09/2017	Pool	Uruguay	34-3	Fiji	Estadio Charrúa, Montevideo, Uruguay
06/09/2017	Pool	Uruguay	66-10	Hong Kong China	Estadio Domingo Burgueño Miguel, Punta del Este, Uruguay
10/09/2017	3rd place play-off	Uruguay	34-12	Namibia	Estadio Charrúa, Montevideo, Uruguay
28/08/2018	Pool	Uruguay	34-55	Fiji	Stadionul National Arcul de Triumf, Bucharest, Romania
01/09/2018	Pool	Uruguay	27-23	Canada	Stadionul National Arcul de Triumf, Bucharest, Romania
05/09/2018	Pool	Uruguay	15-26	Portugal	Stadionul National Arcul de Triumf, Bucharest, Romania
09/09/2018	5th place play-off	Uruguay	78-17	Hong Kong China	Stadionul National Arcul de Triumf, Bucharest, Romania
09/07/2019	Pool	Uruguay	63-11	Kenya	Estadio Martins Pereira, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil

13/07/2019	Pool	Uruguay	31-46	Japan	Estadio Martins Pereira, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil
17/07/2019	Pool	Uruguay	52-10	Brazil	Estadio Martins Pereira, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil
21/07/2019	3rd place play-off	Uruguay	27-29	Tonga	Estadio Martins Pereira, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil
15/07/2023	Pool	Uruguay	33-31	USA	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi, Kenya
20/07/2023	Pool	Uruguay	51-14	Zimbabwe	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi, Kenya
25/07/2023	Pool	Uruguay	37-26	Scotland	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi, Kenya
30/07/2023	Final	Uruguay	32-39	Spain	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi, Kenya

- Uruguay have played in 11 of the 13 World Rugby U20 Trophy editions to date, missing 2009 when they played in the U20 Championship and 2012 when Chile took the South American place.
- They won the inaugural title in 2008 – beating hosts Chile 20-8 – but it would 15 years before they reached a second final, losing 39-32 to Spain in last year’s final in Kenya.
- Los Teritos have scored more points (1,431) and tries (184) in U20 Trophy history. They need 69 points to become the first to score 1,500 in the competition.
- They have also kicked nine drop goals, more double the next highest team (USA – four)
- Uruguay have been involved in one of two draws in U20 Trophy history, 18-18 against Canada in 2014. The other draw saw Uruguay and Zimbabwe finish at 20-20 in the 2010 pool stages.

Head-to-head records

MD1: URUGUAY v KENYA

Played: 1 – Uruguay leads 1-0
Points for: Uruguay 63 / Kenya 11

Previous results

Date	Stage	Winner	Score	Margin	Venue
09/07/2019	Pool	Uruguay	63-11	52	Estadio Martins Pereira, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil

- This is their second meeting in the World Rugby U20 Trophy.
- Maxime Sonnedveld and Juan Martin Rippe scored braces in the win with Baltazar Amaya, Alfonso Cat, Fausto Etchegorry, Felipe Arcos Perez and JuanJuan Garese also dotting down for Uruguay.
- Matias D’Avanzo converted six of the tries, and kicked two penalties.
- Uruguay have won all six previous encounters with African sides at the U20 Trophy.

MD2: URUGUAY v USA

Played: 4 – Tied at 2-2
Points for: Uruguay 121 / USA 94 (Avg. score: 30-23)
Highest score: Uruguay 33 (33-5 on 1 June, 2011 and 33-31 on 15 July, 2023) / USA 32 (32-30 on 1 May, 2016)
Biggest winning margin: Uruguay 28 (33-5 on 1 June, 2011) / USA 2 (32-30 on 1 May, 2016)

Previous results

Date	Stage	Winner	Score	Margin	Venue
01/06/2011	Pool	Uruguay	33-5	28	Avchala Stadium, Tbilisi, Georgia
19/04/2014	3rd place play-off	USA	26-25	1	Hong Kong Football Club Ground, Hong Kong
01/05/2016	5th place play-off	USA	32-30	2	Harare Sports Club, Harare, Zimbabwe
15/07/2023	Pool	Uruguay	33-31	2	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi, Kenya

- This is a meeting of two former U20 Trophy champions, Uruguay having won the inaugural event in 2008 and USA on home soil in 2012.
- The last three meetings between the teams have been settled by two points or less, in complete comparison to Uruguay's 28-point winning margin in their first meeting in the 2011 edition.
- Uruguay scored 10 unanswered points in the final quarter to snatch a 33-31 victory last year, Juan Carlos Canessa kicking a penalty and converting Dante Soto's 75th minute try.

MD3: URUGUAY v NETHERLANDS

This will be their first meeting

POOL B: NETHERLANDS

Head coach: Gareth Gilbert

Captain: Kit Temperley

Coach notes

- Gilbert has held many roles with Rugby Netherlands since he arrived from Africa in 2003, including coaching the Dutch women to Rugby World Cup Sevens 2013 in Moscow.
- A former Botswana international, Gilbert has coached both Botswana men's national teams and the Dutch men's and women's national teams.

Qualification

- The Netherlands beat Belgium 26-16 to win the Rugby Europe U20 Championship 2023 in Prague last November.
- Kaj Verhoorn and Jules Swier scored the Dutch tries in the final with captain Vikas Meijer converting both and kicking four penalties for a haul of 16 points.
- They had opened their campaign by beating hosts Czechia 50-7 before overcoming Portugal 23-13 in the semi-finals.

U20 Trophy record

The Netherlands will make their debut in the World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2024, becoming the 26th nation to play in the tournament since it began in 2008.

Head-to-head records

MD1: NETHERLANDS v USA

This will be their first meeting

MD2: NETHERLANDS v KENYA

This will be their first meeting

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POOL B: KENYA

Head coach: Simon Jawichre

Captain: Edmond Omondi

Nickname: Chipu

Coach notes

- Simon Jawichre was appointed Kenya U20 head coach in February.

Qualification

- Kenya won the Rugby Africa U20 Barthes Trophy 2024 in Harare in April to claim the region's place at the World Rugby U20 Trophy in Scotland.
- The Chipu had to come from 10-0 in the decisive match against hosts Zimbabwe to win 28-13, their tries scored by Iddo Kuta, Michael Wamalwa, Patrick Wainaina and Andy Cole Omolo.

U20 Trophy record

Played: 3 (2009, 2019, 2023)

Best finish: Fourth – 2019

2023 ranking: Sixth

Final positions:

Year	Position
2009	4th
2019	6th
2023	6th

Played 12, Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 8 – Points for 293, Points against 422, Tries for 40, Tries against 63

Previous results

Date	Stage	Team	Score	Team	Venue
21/04/2009	Pool	Kenya	17-22	Namibia	RFUEA Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya
25/04/2009	Pool	Kenya	33-32	USA	RFUEA Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya
29/04/2009	Pool	Kenya	67-0	Cayman Islands	RFUEA Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya
03/05/2009	3rd place play-off	Kenya	17-19	Chile	RFUEA Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya
09/07/2019	Pool	Kenya	11-63	Uruguay	Estadio Martins Pereira, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil
13/07/2019	Pool	Kenya	26-24	Brazil	Estadio Martins Pereira, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil
17/07/2019	Pool	Kenya	34-48	Japan	Estadio Martins Pereira, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil
21/07/2019	5th place play-off	Kenya	13-52	Canada	Estadio Martins Pereira, São Jose dos Campos, Brazil
15/07/2023	Pool	Kenya	25-34	Scotland	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi, Kenya
20/07/2023	Pool	Kenya	18-48	Spain	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi, Kenya
25/07/2023	Pool	Kenya	22-16	Hong Kong China	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi, Kenya

30/07/2023	5th place play-off	Kenya	10-64	Zimbabwe	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi, Kenya
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- Kenya have hosted two of the three U20 Trophy tournaments they have played in.
- Two of Kenya's four wins came in their inaugural tournament in 2009, against USA – the side relegated from the World Rugby U20 Championship 2008 – and Cayman Islands.

Head-to-head records

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Previous results

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- This is their second meeting in the World Rugby U20 Trophy, the other also being the first match of the tournament for both team in 2019.
- Samuel Were scored Kenya's only try against Los Teritos with Dominic Coulson kicking two penalties.

MD2: NETHERLANDS v KENYA

This will be their first meeting

MD3: KENYA v USA

Played 1 – Kenya leads 1-0
Points for: Kenya 33 / USA 32

Previous results

Date	Stage	Winner	Score	Margin	Venue
25/04/2009	Pool	Kenya	33-32	1	RFUEA Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya

- Kenya's first ever U20 Trophy victory was against USA, the host nation upsetting the side relegated from the World Rugby U20 Championship 2008.
- The Chipu had trailed 32-14 at the 62-minute mark but tries from Kenny Andola and Collins Omae (2) cut the deficit to a point.
- George Mutuku then held his nerve to convert Omae's second try in the 76th minute to put Kenya ahead for the first time in the match.

POOL B: USA

Head coach: Johannes Gericke

Captain: Dominic Besag

Coach notes

- This will be Johannes Gericke's first U20 Trophy as head coach, having been assistant coach for the 2023 edition in Kenya.
- Gericke was born in Jongensfontein in the Western Cape of South Africa.

Form in 2024 and Qualification

- USA were the final team to qualify for the 2024 edition, beating Canada 74-39 over two legs in early June to claim the Rugby Americas North regional spot in Pool B.
- USA had trailed 18-7 with 50 minutes on the clock at Shawnigan Lake School but a strong finish saw them run out 33-18 winners in the first leg on 1 June with tries from captain Caden Crist, replacement Seth Smith, winger Tito Edjua and a late Corbin Smith double.
- Five days later USA won 41-21 at Starlight Stadium thanks to tries from Hoden Hahn, Rand Santos, Thomas Wagner, Jordan Vassel and Crist.

U20 Trophy record

Played: 6 (2009, 2011-12, 2014, 2016, 2023)

Best finish: Champions – 2012

2023 ranking: Seventh

Final positions:

Year	Position
2009	Runners-up
2011	7th
2012	Champions
2014	3rd
2016	5th
2023	7th

Played 24, Won 13, Drawn 0, Lost 11 – Points for 719, Points against 635, Tries for 88, Tries against 82

Previous results

Date	Stage	Team	Score	Team	Venue
21/04/2009	Pool	USA	64-15	Cayman Islands	Impala Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya
25/04/2009	Pool	USA	32-33	Kenya	RFUEA Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya
29/04/2009	Pool	USA	29-24	Namibia	RFUEA Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya
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28/05/2011	Pool	USA	36-42	Russia	Avchala Stadium, Tbilisi, Georgia
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26/06/2012	Pool	USA	36-13	Russia	Murray Rugby Park Stadium, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
30/06/2012	Final	USA	37-33	Japan	Murray Rugby Park Stadium, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
07/04/2014	Pool	USA	37-0	Hong Kong China	Hong Kong Football Club Ground, Hong Kong SAR
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20/07/2023	Pool	USA	13-40	Scotland	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi
25/07/2023	Pool	USA	37-38	Zimbabwe	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi
30/07/2023	7th place play-off	USA	47-22	Hong Kong China	Nyayo National Stadium, Nairobi

- USA returned to the World Rugby U20 Trophy in 2023 after a seven-year absence during which time Canada represented Rugby Americas North in the tournament.
- They reached the final twice in their first three tournaments, losing to Romania in 2009 and beating Japan in 2012 on home soil to be promoted to the World Rugby U20 Championship the following year.
- USA need 12 tries to bring up 100 in the World Rugby U20 Trophy.

Head-to-head records

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MD3: KENYA v USA

Played 1 – Kenya leads 1-0

Points for: Kenya 33 / USA 32

Previous results

Date	Stage	Winner	Score	Margin	Venue
25/04/2009	Pool	Kenya	33-32	1	RFUEA Grounds, Nairobi, Kenya

- USA, playing in their first U20 Trophy after being relegated from the World Rugby U20 Championship 2008, became Kenya's first scalp in the tournament.
- They had led 17-7 at half-time thanks to tries from Zach Fenoglio and Dustin Croy, both converted by Robert Johnson with Tai Enosa slotting a drop goal.
- A second Enosa drop goal and tries from Zack Test and Tim Barford made it 32-14 to USA just past the hour-mark but Kenya fought back and hit the front with four minutes to play.