

OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024: MEN'S SESSION 6 STATS



GENERAL STATISTICS

- France won a first gold medal in rugby sevens and are the first Olympic Games hosts to claim a medal. Fiji suffered a first-ever loss on the Olympic stage to add silver to their two gold medals, while South Africa secured a second bronze medal and first since Rio 2016.
- Silver medallists Fiji finished as the top point-scorers with 154, 38 more than Olympic champions France.
- Fiji were also the top try-scorers on 23 with Argentina, France and New Zealand next best on 18. The record is 26 tries by Fiji at Rio 2016 with New Zealand having crossed for 25 at Tokyo 2020.
- A total of 180 tries and 1,146 points were scored across the 34 matches. This is slightly down on the record of 195 tries and 1,244 points scored at Tokyo 2020.
- Two penalties were kicked at Paris 2024 – the most in a single Olympic Games after one each at Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 – with both coming in matches featuring Australia. Maurice Longbottom kicked one in Australia's medal quarter-final victory over USA and Fiji's Terio Veilawa slotted one in their semi-final victory.
- USA's Perry Baker was the top try-scorer at Paris 2024 with six, matching the record for a single men's Olympic Games competition set by former team-mate Carlin Isles in Rio and matched by Argentina flyer Marcos Moneta in Tokyo 2020. He finished one clear of Fiji's Joji Nasova, New Zealand's Moses Leo, Ireland's Chay Mullins and Argentina's Matías Osadczuk.
- Fiji's Iowane Teba and Baker finished as the top points scorers at Paris 2024 on 30, one point clear of France's Ravan Rebbadj and New Zealand's Akuila Rokolisoa.
- Baker is now the leading try-scorer in men's Olympic history with 10, one more than his former USA team-mate Carlin Isles with Argentina's Marcos Moneta and South Africa's Selvyn Davies on eight.

- The USA veteran was the only player to cross for more than two tries in a match, becoming the first man to score four tries in an Olympic match in their 33-17 defeat of Uruguay in the pool stage.

FINAL STANDINGS

- Gold: France
- Silver: Fiji
- Bronze: South Africa
- Fourth: Australia
- Fifth: New Zealand
- Sixth: Ireland
- Seventh: Argentina
- Eighth: USA
- Ninth: Kenya
- 10th: Samoa
- 11th: Uruguay
- 12th: Japan

MATCH 31 – ARGENTINA 19-0 USA – SEVENTH PLACE PLAY-OFF

- The match was the final act in the careers of Argentina's Gastón Revol – the only man to play more than 100 SVNS tournaments – and USA's Perry Baker, the top try-scorer in Olympic history and second all-time on the SVNS series.
- USA coach Mike Friday also bows out after three Olympic Games in charge of the team.
- Both teams finish in a lower ranking than they did at Tokyo 2020, Argentina having won bronze and USA finishing sixth.
- Matías Osadczuk scored his second brace of Paris 2024, having also touched down twice in their second Pool B match against Samoa. His first try took Argentina through the 100-point mark in the tournament, the second team to do so after Fiji.
- His five tries make him Argentina's top try-scorer and take his overall Olympic tally to seven, one behind team-mate Marcos Moneta.
- Perry Baker finishes as top try-scorer with six, matching the highest tally set by former team-mate Carlin Isles at Rio 2016 and Argentina's Marcos Moneta at Tokyo 2020.
- This match saw three World Rugby Men's Sevens Player of the Year involved in Perry Baker (2017 and 2018), Marcos Moneta (2021) and Rodrigo Isgro (2023).

MATCH 32 – NEW ZEALAND 17-7 IRELAND – FIFTH PLACE PLAY-OFF

- New Zealand match their fifth-place finish at Rio 2016 but finish three places lower than they did at Tokyo 2020.
- Sixth place is Ireland's best ranking at an Olympic Games, having finished 10th on their debut in Tokyo.
- New Zealand had to come from behind at half-time for the third time in six matches at the Stade de France and second against Ireland.

- Moses Leo finished as New Zealand's top try-scorer with five tries, matching the tally of Scott Curry in Tokyo.
- Chay Mullins also moved onto five tries at Paris 2024, the most scored by an Ireland player at a single Olympic Games with Gavin Mullin's three having been the most at Tokyo 2020.

MATCH 33 – SOUTH AFRICA 26-19 AUSTRALIA – BRONZE MEDAL MATCH

- Australia captain Nick Malouf's red card was the second in Olympic history and second in a match involving South Africa. It was the first red card since Argentina's Gastón Revol was sent off in their medal quarter-final with South Africa at Tokyo 2020.
- South Africa are the lowest ranked team after the pool stage to secure an Olympic medal, having only reached the quarter-finals as the second-best third-placed team on point difference from Samoa. Argentina are the only other team to medal – bronze in Tokyo – after not finishing top of their pool.
- It is South Africa's second Olympic bronze medal, having finished third at Rio 2016. Rosko Specman and head coach Philip Snyman were part of that Blitzboks team with the former scoring a hat-trick in the 54-14 defeat of Japan.
- Specman is only the second men's player to win two medals, Fiji's Jerry Tuwai the other with golds in Rio and Tokyo.
- Fourth place is Australia's best finish at an Olympic Games, beating their seventh place at Tokyo 2020 and eighth at Rio 2016.
- Zain Davids is the third South Africa player to score a brace of tries in a match at Paris 2024 after Shilton van Wyk and Ryan Oosthuizen against Japan in their last pool match.
- Selvyn Davids is South Africa's leading try-scorer at an Olympic Games for the second time, matching his four-try haul at Tokyo 2020. He could have had another but gave it to Shaun Williams to score the winning try against Australia.

- Eight tries leaves Davids sitting joint-third on the all-time men's list with Argentina's Marcos Moneta, behind only USA duo Perry Baker (10) and Carlin Isles (9).
- Tries by Nathan Lawson and Corey Toole saw them join Henry Hutchison as Australia's top try-scorers at Paris 2024 on three.

MATCH 34 – FRANCE 28-7 FIJI – GOLD MEDAL MATCH

- France are the first host nation to win an Olympic rugby sevens medal with Brazil having finished 12th at Rio 2016 and Japan 11th in Tokyo.
- France are the first team to beat Fiji on the Olympic stage, ending their winning run at 17 matches.
- Fiji captain Jerry Tuwai is the only player with three Olympic medals, adding Paris 2024 silver to his golds from Rio and Tokyo.
- Fiji scored the opening try in a gold medal match for the third time but this was their slowest score yet at one minute and 24 seconds.
- Current Fiji coach Osea Kolinisau's try after 57 seconds at Rio 2016 is the quickest with Meli Derenalagi's try 11 seconds quicker than Joseva Talacola's opener at the Stade de France.
- Fourteen is the fewest points scored in the first half of a men's gold medal match. Thirty-one is the most – Fiji led New Zealand 19-12 at Tokyo 2020 – and just ahead of the 29 points by which Fiji led Great Britain at Rio 2016.
- Antoine Dupont is the first player to score two tries in a men's Olympic final.
- His brace sees him finish as France's joint-top try-scorer with Aaron Grandidier Nkanang on four.
- France had not won a SVNS series Cup title for 19 years before Antoine Dupont made his debut in Vancouver in February. In his four tournaments, France have never been off the podium, finishing third in that first event, winning the title in Los Angeles, winning the SVNS

Championship Final in Madrid and now claiming Olympic gold.

- Jordan Way is the second Australian to referee the men's Olympic gold medal match after Damon Murphy at Tokyo 2020.