

OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024: WOMEN'S SESSION 4 STATS



GENERAL STATISTICS

- Maddison Levi has added more records to her vast collection, becoming the all-time leading try and point scorer in Olympic history with 11 tries and 55 points at Paris 2024. This surpasses the 10 tries and 50 points scored by Portia Woodman-Wickliffe for New Zealand at Rio 2016.
- Levi's record haul includes three hat-tricks, taking her clear of New Zealand duo Woodman-Wickliffe and Michaela Blyde on two.
- New Zealand are the only team to reach the medal semi-finals at all three Olympic Games to feature rugby sevens.
- USA are first-time medal semi-finalists, while Australia and Canada return for the first time since winning gold and bronze at Rio 2016.
- A total of 156 tries and 970 points were scored in the pool stage of Paris 2024. This is the most ever in the first 24 matches of an Olympic Games, surpassing the record of 140 tries and 869 points set at Rio 2016.
- New Zealand have scored the most points (159) and tries (27) at Paris 2024. That is one try and 13 points shy of their best tally at Tokyo 2020. Their 28 tries in Japan ties the most at a single Games set by Australia at Rio 2016.
- Eight players scored at least two tries in a match in session four in Marin Kajiki (Japan), Gabriela Lima (Brazil), Michaela Blyde, Jazmin Felix-Hotham, Sarah Hirini and Mahina Paul (all New Zealand), Piper Logan (Canada) and Maddison Levi (Australia).

MATCH 19 – JAPAN 15-12 SOUTH AFRICA – NINTH PLACE SEMI-FINAL 1

- Japan have won two matches at a single Olympic Games for the first time, their only previous win coming in the ninth place semi-final against Kenya at Rio 2016.
- They are guaranteed to at least match their best position of 10th from Rio 2016.

- Marin Kajiki scored a brace of tries for the second match in a row to take her tally to four at Paris 2024. This is a record for Japan at a single Games with Marie Yamaguchi the previous best with three at Rio 2016.
- Kajiki is now Japan's all-time leading try-scorer on the Olympic stage with five after scoring one at Tokyo 2020.
- Libbie Janse van Rensburg scored the opening try in a match for the second time today as South Africa again scored 12 first-half points to lead at the break. However, just as against Great Britain, South Africa couldn't hold on for a maiden victory.
- Four points is the closest South Africa have come to victory at Paris 2024.
- Nadine Roos is South Africa's leading try (three) and point (19) scorer at Paris 2024.

MATCH 20 – FIJI 22-28 BRAZIL – NINTH PLACE SEMI-FINAL 2

- Brazil will play Japan in a repeat of the Rio 2016 ninth place play-off, which As Yaras won 33-5 for their second win over Japan in the Games after triumphing 26-10 in the pool stage. They also met in the 11th place play-off at Tokyo 2020 with Brazil winning 21-12.
- Fiji are guaranteed their lowest-ever finish, after placing eighth in Rio 2016 and winning the bronze medal at Tokyo 2020.
- Just when it looked like Brazil would suffer the first one-point defeat in Olympic women's rugby sevens history, Yasmin Soares raced away to score the winner for her injury-hit side.
- Brazil scored more points in the first half against Fiji (21) than they had in their three Pool C matches combined (17) and matched their try-count of three.
- Fiji scored two tries in the first half for the first time at Paris 2024, Adi vani Buleki and Ana Maria Naimasi getting their names on the board.

- Ana Maria Naimasi is the first Fiji player to score a brace of tries at Paris 2024 and the sixth in Olympic history after Raijieli Daveua (v COL – 2016), Reapi Ulunisau (v CAN, BRA – 2020), Vasiti Solikoviti (v NZL – 2020) and Alowesi Nakoci (v GBR – 2020).

MATCH 21 – NEW ZEALAND 55-5 CHINA – MEDAL QUARTER-FINAL 1

- New Zealand set a new points record for a women's match at the Olympic Games, beating the previous record of 53 set by Australia in their first match with Colombia at Rio 2016. The Black Ferns Sevens' previous best was 52 points, against Kenya in their own opener in Rio.
- Their nine tries ties the record set by Australia against Colombia, although New Zealand had four players scoring a brace in Michaela Blyde, Jazmin Felix-Hotham, co-captain Sarah Hirini and Mahina Paul.
- Blyde's two tries take her to seven at Paris 2024, one behind Australia's Maddison Levi. Blyde now has 14 in Olympic history, behind only team-mate Portia Woodman-Wickliffe who moved to 17 with her first-half effort.
- The Black Ferns Sevens have scored 27 tries at Paris 2024, one fewer than their record-equalling 28 in Tokyo. They are 13 points shy of their tally of 172 from three years ago in Japan.
- New Zealand are the only women's team to reach the medal semi-finals in all three Olympic Games.
- The Black Ferns Sevens have now won 10 consecutive matches since suffering their only defeat in the gold medal match in Rio.
- Sarah Hirini's yellow card was New Zealand's first since Portia Woodman-Wickliffe's in the Rio 2016 gold medal match against Australia. It was her second yellow card, having been one of four New Zealand players carded in Rio.

MATCH 21 – GREAT BRITAIN 7-17 USA – MEDAL QUARTER-FINAL 2

- USA have reached a medal semi-final for the first time at an Olympic Games, their previous best finish being fifth at Rio 2016.
- By contrast, Great Britain have failed to reach the semi-finals for the first time, having finished fourth in both Rio and Tokyo.
- Great Britain scored the opening try in a match for the first time at Paris 2024, through Ellie Boatman, but were behind by half-time.
- Sammy Sullivan and Kristi Kirshe join Ilona Maher as USA's top try-scorer in the tournament with three.

MATCH 23 – FRANCE 14-19 CANADA – MEDAL QUARTER-FINAL 3

- There will be no golden double for France at Paris 2024 after Chloe Daniels' late try gave Canada victory.
- Canada reach the medal semi-finals for the first time since winning bronze at Rio 2016, having finished ninth at Tokyo 2020.
- Piper Logan is the second Canada player to score a brace of tries at the Stade de France, after Charity Williams in their final Pool A match against China earlier in the day.
- Ian Jason has joined Séraphine Okemba as France's leading try-scorer at Paris 2024 with her fifth try of the Games.

MATCH 24 – AUSTRALIA 40-5 IRELAND – MEDAL QUARTER-FINAL 4

- Maddison Levi scored her third hat-trick of Paris 2024 in the first half, taking her tally for the tournament to a record-breaking 11 – one more than Portia Woodman-Wickliffe scored for New Zealand at Paris 2024.
- Levi now has 14 tries on the Olympic stage, making her Australia's leading scorer after overtaking Emma Tonegato with her second try against Ireland.
- She is tied with New Zealand's Michaela Blyde on 14 and now only three behind record-holder Portia Woodman-Wickliffe.
- Australia have scored six tries for the third match at Paris 2025, the exception being the three they scored against Ireland earlier in the day.
- Ireland are still guaranteed to beat their men's team placing on debut at Tokyo 2020 (10th).