

OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024: WOMEN'S SESSION 5 STATS



GENERAL STATISTICS

- New Zealand are the only team to reach the gold medal match at all three Olympic Games to feature rugby sevens.
- Canada will contest their first gold medal match after avenging their loss to Australia at this stage in Rio.
- Maddison Levi is the leading try (12) and point (60) scorer at Paris 2024 after maintaining her record of scoring in every match in the tournament.
- A total of 190 tries and 1,180 points have been scored in the 30 matches of Paris 2024. This is already more than that scored in all six sessions of the men's competition at the Stade de France.
- New Zealand have scored the most points (193) and tries (31) at Paris 2024. This is already a record for any Olympic Games, men's or women's, with four matches still remaining.
- Only four players scored at least two tries in a match in session five in Seraphine Okemba (France). Stacey Waaka and Michaela Blyde (New Zealand) and Nadine Roos (South Africa) – the lowest total for a women's session at Paris 2024.

MATCH 25 – CHINA 19-15 GREAT BRITAIN – FIFTH PLACE SEMI-FINAL 1

- China are guaranteed their best finish on the Olympic stage after snatching victory with Hu Yu's try in the final play, Great Britain paying a heavy price after Isla Norman-Bell threw the ball away to give their opponent's one last chance to snatch the win.
- China's best was seventh place on their debut at Tokyo 2020.
- Ellie Kildunne – the Women's Six Nations 2024 Player of the Championship – scored her first try of Paris 2024 to open the scoring.

- Chen Keyi's try saw her draw level with Wang Wanyu as China's leading try-scorer in Olympic history on six.
- Jasmine Joyce, the only Great Britain player to contest three Olympic Games, took her overall tally to 13 tries, a figure beaten only by New Zealand duo Portia Woodman-Wickliffe (17) and Michaela Blyde (14) and Australia's Maddison Levi (14).
- China led at half-time for only the second time at Paris 2024, having gone on to beat Pool A opponents Fiji on day one.

MATCH 26 – FRANCE 19-7 IRELAND – FIFTH PLACE SEMI-FINAL 2

- Séraphine Okemba's second-half brace took her to seven at Paris 2024, equalling the record for tries scored by a French player at a single Olympic Games set by Anne-Cécile Ciofani at Tokyo 2020.
- Okemba has now scored 12 tries in total on the Olympic stage, the joint-fourth highest tally in the history of women's rugby sevens.
- Ireland scored the first try in a match for the third time at the Stade de France, but they only went on to win once – against South Africa in their second Pool B match.
- Eve Higgins is Ireland's leading try-scorer in the tournament, her fourth try taking her one clear of Amee Leigh Murphy Crowe.

MATCH 27 – NEW ZEALAND 24-12 USA – MEDAL SEMI-FINAL 1

- New Zealand are the only women's team to reach the gold medal match at all three Olympic Games to feature rugby sevens.
- The Black Ferns Sevens are on an 11-match winning run on the Olympic stage, their only defeat coming against Australia in the Rio 2016 gold medal match.
- Michaela Blyde's third brace of Paris 2024 sees her close to within one of her team-mate Portia Woodman-Wickliffe's record as the most prolific try-scorer in Olympic history (17).

- Blyde has now scored nine tries at Paris 2024, which betters her own tally of seven at Tokyo 2020.
- Stacey Waaka had earlier become the third New Zealand player to reach double figures for tries on the Olympic stage, the first-half try her 10th in total to leave her behind her fellow Tokyo 2020 gold medallists Portia Woodman-Wickliffe (17) and Michaela Blyde (14).
- Waaka has scored three braces at Paris 2024, which was temporarily the most by a New Zealand player until Blyde's scored her own double.
- The Black Ferns Sevens have now scored a record 31 tries at the Stade de France, surpassing the 28 they scored in Tokyo and Australia managed at Rio 2016.
- Their 193 points is also a new benchmark and they are on course to become the first team to score 200 points in a single Games.
- Kristi Kirshe's consolation try makes her USA's leading try-scorer on the Olympic stage with eight, one more than Alev Kelter.
- USA are still guaranteed their best finish despite the defeat with Emilie Bydwell still in contention to become the first female coach to win an Olympic medal.

MATCH 28 – CANADA 21-12 AUSTRALIA – MEDAL SEMI-FINAL 2

- Canada are the first North American nation to reach a gold medal match at an Olympic Games.
- Their recovery from 12-0 down is the biggest comeback in a women's medal semi-final on the Olympic stage, surpassing the seven points that New Zealand trailed Fiji early in the second half of their match in Tokyo.
- Charity Williams scored a consolation try in their Rio 2016 medal semi-final loss to Australia but her score just before half-time kick-started their revival and took her to five in Paris 2024.

- Asia Hogan-Rochester scored her first try of Paris 2024 before Piper Logan's fourth set Canada on the road to a famous victory, with captain Olivia Apps' third conversion of the match taking them out beyond a single score with barely a minute to play.
- Maddison Levi had earlier scored her record-extending 12th try of the tournament to give Australia the perfect start.
- She now has 15 in Olympic history, third on the all-time list behind New Zealand duo Michaela Blyde (16) and Portia Woodman-Wickliffe (17).

MATCH 29 – SOUTH AFRICA 21-15 FIJI – 11TH PLACE PLAY-OFF

- South Africa finished on a victorious note, claiming a first Olympic victory to finish 11th at Paris 2024.
- Nadine Roos became the first South African woman to score two tries in a single Olympic match.
- She finishes the tournament with five tries and 35 points – more than the rest of her team-mates combined (four tries, 20 points).
- Fiji received two yellow cards within a minute of each other in the first half, doubling the number they had received in the tournament.
- They finished strongly with three second-half tries through Kolora Lomani, Verenaisi Ditavutu and Talei Wilson, but the three missed conversions meant they ended up on the losing side again.
- Fiji have failed to win a match at an Olympic Games for the first time, finishing nine places lower than they managed at Tokyo 2020 where they claimed an historic bronze medal.

MATCH 30 – JAPAN 38-7 BRAZIL – NINTH PLACE PLAY-OFF

- Japan have won three 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.
- The Sakura Sevens have recorded their best-ever finish at an Olympic Games, improving on their 10th place finish at Rio 2016 when they were beaten by Brazil.
- Since conceding 85 points and scoring only seven on day one – against USA and France, Japan have impressively scored 92 points and conceded only 31.
- They scored six tries in this victory – all by different players – which was one fewer than they managed in their 39-12 triumph against Brazil in the pool stage.
- Kajiki is now Japan's all-time leading try-scorer on the Olympic stage with six after scoring one at Tokyo 2020. Her five tries in a single Games is a record, bettering the three scored by Marie Yamaguchi at Rio 2016.
- One win matches Brazil's worst record at an Olympic Games, from Tokyo 2020. They won three matches on home soil in Rio 2016.