

# PRE MATCH REPORT



## **SAMOA - BRAZIL**

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Rugby World Cup Qualifiers  
The Sevens 2



# SAMOA vs BRAZIL

2025 RUGBY WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS



## OPTA FACTS

- This will be the first ever meeting between Samoa and Brazil in men's Test rugby – Brazil will become the fourth South American side that Samoa have faced, after Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.
- Samoa are winless across their first six Test matches in 2025 (D1 L5), their longest run without a victory since losing nine in a row between 2017 and 2018 – each of their five losses this year have come by 14+ points.
- Samoa are winless across their last three Tests against South American sides (D1 L2) after losing just one of their first six meetings and come into this match having suffered defeat over two legs against Chile in a Rugby World Cup qualifier (44-63 on aggregate).
- Samoa are aiming to qualify for their 10th Rugby World Cup, participating in every edition since 1991 – they have reached the quarter-finals twice (1991 and 1995), the only team in the final qualification tournament to have done so.
- Brazil could become the fourth South American side to qualify for the Rugby World Cup after Argentina (10 appearances), Chile (1 appearance) and Uruguay (5 appearances).
- Brazil have lost each of their last six matches, their longest run since 2014-2015 (L7); however, their most recent defeat came by just seven points (24-31 v Paraguay) after the previous five had each come by 14+ points.
- Samoa registered a dominant carry rate of 65% during the 2025 Pacific Nations Cup, over 20 percentage points better than any other side, and were also the only team to commit two or more opposition tacklers on at least 60% of their carries (62%).
- Samoa had the highest dominant tackle rate of any team in this year's Pacific Nations Cup (7%), making 10.3 dominant tackles per game on average, a tally only bettered by Japan (11.0).
- Samoa winger Tuna Tuitama made the most line breaks of any player during the 2025 Pacific Nations Cup (6); additionally, of the 99 players to make 10+ carries in the competition, he was one of just four to average at least eight metres gained per carry (8.5), alongside teammate Lolagi Visinia (9.1, also Haruto Kida – 9.6 and Joji Nasova – 13.9).
- Brazil's Carlo Mignot has averaged a line break every 6.2 carries in the PRO D2 since the beginning of 2024/25 – of the 85 centres to make 30+ carries in that period, only Dax's Noah Nene (1 every 5.6 carries) and Soyaux Angouleme's Arthur Proult (1 every 6.1 carries) have a better rate than the Biarritz player.

# SAMOA MATCH SQUAD DETAILS



Player	Age	Height	Weight	Caps	Points	Tries
Abraham Papali'i	32	194	126	3	10	2
Alamanda Motuga	31	188	111	10	15	3
Benjamin Nee-Nee	32	200	116	15	5	1
Connor Tupai	25	187	89	5	0	0
Duncan Paia'aua	30	183	92	13	43	7
Faletoi Peni	26	173	106	0	0	0
Iakopo Mapu	28	182	104	12	5	1
Jacob Umaga	27	182	91	2	2	0
Jarred Adams	29	180	120	5	0	0
Joel Lam	23	179	84	3	5	1
Jonathan Taumateine	29	181	87	15	15	3
Lalomilo Lalomilo	26	180	98	4	5	1
Latrell Smiler Ah-Kiong	24	0	0	3	5	1
Luteru Tolai	27	179	119	10	0	0
Melani Nanai	32	194	93	7	20	4
Michael Ala'alatoa	34	191	126	23	0	0
Michael Curry	31	196	115	14	0	0
Mills Sanerivi	26	181	113	0	0	0
Miracle Faiilagi	26	198	106	4	5	1
Niko Jones	25	186	103	1	0	0
Rodney Iona	34	180	90	14	48	0
Sama Malolo	27	184	109	13	20	4
Scott Sio	34	187	122	74	5	1
Taleni Seu	31	201	119	12	5	1
Theo McFarland	30	196	113	19	10	2
Tietie Tuimauga	32	188	130	7	0	0
Titi Lamositele	30	180	141	34	10	2
Tumua Manu	32	183	97	11	27	5
Tuna Tuitama	25	185	93	8	20	4
Va'afauese Apelu Maliko	26	181	89	0	0	0

# BRAZIL MATCH SQUAD DETAILS



Player	Age	Height	Weight	Caps	Points	Tries
Adrio de Melo	24	186	107	23	5	1
Andre Arruda	36	190	110	49	60	12
Ben Donald	27	199	109	12	0	0
Brendon Alves	26	169	112	9	0	0
Caique Silva Segura	31	189	125	34	5	1
Carlo Mignot	22	0	0	5	25	5
Devon Muller	28	188	100	2	5	1
Gabriel Oliveira	24	193	123	13	10	2
Gustavo Gobeti	20	176	73	1	0	0
Helder Lucio	22	194	128	3	0	0
Henrique Ferreira	25	184	119	15	25	5
Joao Amaral	21	180	85	12	7	1
Joao Lucas Marino	23	180	117	6	5	1
Leonel Moreno	28	191	131	16	10	2
Lorenzo Temer Massari	27	180	92	23	10	2
Lucas Spago	25	180	84	19	27	1
Lucas Tranquez	31	183	93	52	195	9
Matheus Claudio	27	187	100	21	5	1
Matteo Dell'Acqua	34	193	107	15	10	2
Moises Duque	36	175	90	62	270	16
Raff Hollister	21	0	0	1	5	1
Renato Santos	24	191	100	1	0	0
Robert Tenorio	29	191	103	36	15	3
Robson de Morais	27	185	92	5	5	1
Sergio Luna	24	179	93	2	10	2
Theo Bastardie	25	180	88	1	5	1
Thiago Oviedo	23	175	72	4	16	0
Vicente Galvao	31	181	128	2	0	0
Wilton Rebolo	30	183	118	42	15	3
Yan Rosetti	32	175	96	40	10	2

# RESULTS

2025

SAMOA								
Date	Opposition	Competition	H/A	Result	For	Aga	Tries	Tries Con
27/09/2025	Chile	RWC Qualifier	A	L	12	31	2	3
20/09/2025	Chile	RWC Qualifier	H	D	32	32	5	4
14/09/2025	USA	Pacific Nations Cup	H	L	13	29	1	4
06/09/2025	Fiji	Pacific Nations Cup	H	L	15	29	2	4
23/08/2025	Tonga	Pacific Nations Cup	A	L	16	30	2	3
18/07/2025	Scotland	International	N	L	12	41	2	7
<b>Average</b>					<b>16.7</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>

BRAZIL								
Date	Opposition	Competition	H/A	Result	For	Aga	Tries	Tries Con
18/10/2025	Paraguay	RWC Qualifier	H	L	24	31	3	3
11/10/2025	Paraguay	RWC Qualifier	A	L	19	39	3	5
26/07/2025	Chile	International	A	L	20	35	2	4
19/07/2025	Chile	International	H	L	21	35	3	4
05/07/2025	Argentina XV	International	H	L	17	45	3	7
<b>Average</b>					<b>20.2</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>