

CUP QUARTER-FINAL NOTES

New Zealand v Canada

- New Zealand are enjoying a 46-match unbeaten run in global tournaments including the 2019 Fast Four Tournament, 2018 Commonwealth Games and Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018.
 - They are enjoying a 33-match unbeaten run on the Women's Series dating back to Kitakyushu in 2018. They hold the record of 37 consecutive victories from 2014-15.
 - Their last loss came in the Cup final in Sydney in 2018.
- Canada won the inaugural Sydney Sevens in 2017, defeating USA 21-17 in the Cup final. They are the last team on the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens series to win an event without topping their pool.
- This will be the third time these two teams have met this season with New Zealand winning their Cup semi-final in Glendale 28-19, and the Cup final in Dubai 26-14.
- New Zealand are undefeated in all 20 Women's Sevens Series matches against Canada (19 wins and one draw). The closest Canada have come is a 12-12 draw in Dubai in 2012.
- New Zealand have won 30 of 33 Cup quarter-finals played on the Women's Sevens Series.
 - They lost to England 17-14 in Amsterdam in 2015, Australia 15-12 in Dubai in 2015 and against the USA 14-12 in 2017.
- Canada have won their past three Cup quarter-finals, and have not lost since Langford in 2018.
- **Tyla Nathan-Wong** needs four more points to become the first player to score 100 points this season.
- **Michaela Blyde** is the leading try-scorer this season with 16 tries. She has scored 18 tries in her past 15 games in Sydney.
 - She needs one more try to become the all-time leading try-scorer at the HSBC Sydney Sevens, surpassing Portia Woodman.
- **Bianca Farella** is the second leading try-scorer behind Blyde with 15 tries this season.

Russia v USA

- Russia will be looking to reach a Cup semi-final for the first time since Sydney last year, defeating USA 19-14 in the quarter-final. They have lost their past three Cup quarter-final matches.
- This will be the first time these two teams have played each other this season, with their last Women's Sevens Series meeting coming in Langford in 2018, which was won by USA 35-14.
 - This will be the third time these two teams have met in Sydney with Russia winning both matches. They won last year's Cup quarter-final 19-14 and 2017's Pool C match 19-10.
- USA won their last meeting 33-17 at the Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018, and have won their past two, and three of their past four matches against Russia across all competitions.
- **Elena Zdrokova** was Russia's leading try-scorer on day one, scoring two tries. She has scored a try in each of her past two matches against USA in Sydney.
- **Naya Tapper** became the Eagles Women's Sevens all-time series try-scorer on day one, and is only one try behind New Zealand's Portia Woodman and Michaela Blyde for the all-time record in Sydney (18 tries).
 - She scored a double against Russia in Sydney two years ago,

Ireland v Spain

- Ireland have reached the Cup quarter-finals in their past two, and three of their past four Women's Sevens Series tournaments.
 - They have never reached a Cup-semi-final.
- Spain will play their first Cup quarter-final of the season, with their last appearance coming in Paris in 2018.
 - Their only Cup semi-final appearance came in Kitakyushu last season, defeating England 7-5 in the quarter-final.
- These two teams will meet for the first time this season, with Ireland winning four of their past five series meetings.
 - However Spain won their last match 12-7 at Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018.
- **Amee Leigh Murphy Crowe** was the second leading try-scorer on day one with four tries. She now has scored 16 tries in 15 games in Sydney.

Australia v France

- These two teams will meet for the first time this season, with Australia winning all 19 of their previous Women's Sevens Series meetings.
 - Their past three, and four of their past five meetings across all competitions have been close, decided by five points or less.
- France's only two victories against Australia have come at Rugby World Cup Sevens in 2009 (14-10) and again in 2018 (19-12).
- France scored the second most points of any team on day one with 87 points in three games.
- France will be looking to play a Cup semi-final in Sydney for the first time after losing their past two quarter-finals against New Zealand in 2017 (24-5) and Canada in 2018 (28-12).
 - Australia have not lost a Cup semi-final on home soil, defeating Fiji 17-5 in 2017 and Spain 29-0 last year.
- **Fanny Horta** was the leading try-scorer on day one with five tries.