

Facts & Figures

KEY FACTS

- This year's competition will be the first time Canada and USA have competed in the IRB Pacific Nations Cup.
- Saturday's match will be the second time the two sides have met at Ellerslie Park, Edmonton. Canada were the victors in the only other clash at the venue, beating the Eagles 41-18 in 2009.
- If Canada beat USA on Saturday, it will be their fifth consecutive win against their neighbours. They achieved seven victories in a row against the USA between 1996 and 1999.

TRYFEST!

- USA have scored tries in their last 21 consecutive matches. The last time the Eagles failed to score a try in a Test match was in the 12-6 win over Canada in 2009.
- Canada, meanwhile, have been equally as prolific, scoring tries in each of their last 18 matches. The 27-6 loss to Japan in 2009 was the last time the Canucks failed to score a try in a Test match.
- Of the 48 Tests played between these sides, only three matches have finished without a try being scored; the Eagles' 12-6 win over Canada in 2009 is the most recent, while there were also tryless games between the teams in 1981 and 1982.

TEAM NEWS

- TYLER HOTSON wins his 30th cap for Canada on Saturday. HOTSON made his Test debut in the 26-10 win over the USA in 2008.
- TODD CLEVER wins his 47th Test cap and his 26th as USA captain. CLEVER is now only one behind the record set by Dave Hodges, who captained the Eagles on 27 occasions.
- 21 year-old centre PATRICK PARFREY makes his Test debut for Canada on Saturday. In addition, replacements CAM PIERCE and LIAM UNDERWOOD will make their Test debuts for the Canucks this weekend if they come off the bench against the USA.
- Old Blues fullback ADAM SIDDALL is another player making his Test debut on Saturday. In all, the Eagles have another five potential debutants in reserve; NICK WALLACE, TOM COLLICAN, LIAM MURPHY, SEAMUS KELLY and CHRIS SAINT will all make their USA debuts if they come off the bench against Canada.

FORM GUIDE

- Both sides have endured a similar level of form in their most recent games. Canada have won three of their last five matches, with victories coming against the USA (28-25), Georgia (31-12) and Russia (35-3).
- Like Canada, the USA have won three of their last five, beating Georgia (36-20), Russia (40-26) and Romania (34-3).

HEAD TO HEAD

- Saturday's clash between Canada and the USA in Edmonton is the 49th match between the two sides. Canada have traditionally had the upper hand in the series, winning 35 of the 48 matches, with just one draw (3-3, 1982).
- Canada's relative dominance in this fixture is underlined in terms of their points scoring record against the Eagles. In total, Canada have scored 1,135 points in this fixture compared to the USA's 687.
- Canada have won four of the last five games between the two North American neighbours, with the USA's only recent win in that time coming in 2009 when they beat Canada 12-6 in Charleston.
- The last meeting between the two sides was in June last year, when Canada defeated USA 28-25 at Richardson Stadium, Kingston.
- The USA's last win away to Canada was in 2005 when they beat the home side 20-19 in Edmonton.
- In total, the USA have beaten Canada four times at home in the 25 Test matches played there. Their first win in Canada was in Markham in 1995 when they beat the home side 15-14. They got the better of Canada at home again in 1999 when they beat them 18-17 in Toronto. They also scored a 16-11 victory in 2003 in Vancouver, in addition to that 20-19 win in Edmonton in 2005.
- Canada's 56-7 hammering of the USA back in St. John's in 2006 remains the record score in games between the two sides. The 49 point difference is also the record margin of score between the sides.
- The first ever Test between the sides was played on the 21st of May 1977 at Swanguard Stadium, Burnaby in British Colombia, and featured a 17-6 win for Canada. The USA did not have to wait long for their first win however, beating Canada the following year 12-7 in Baltimore.

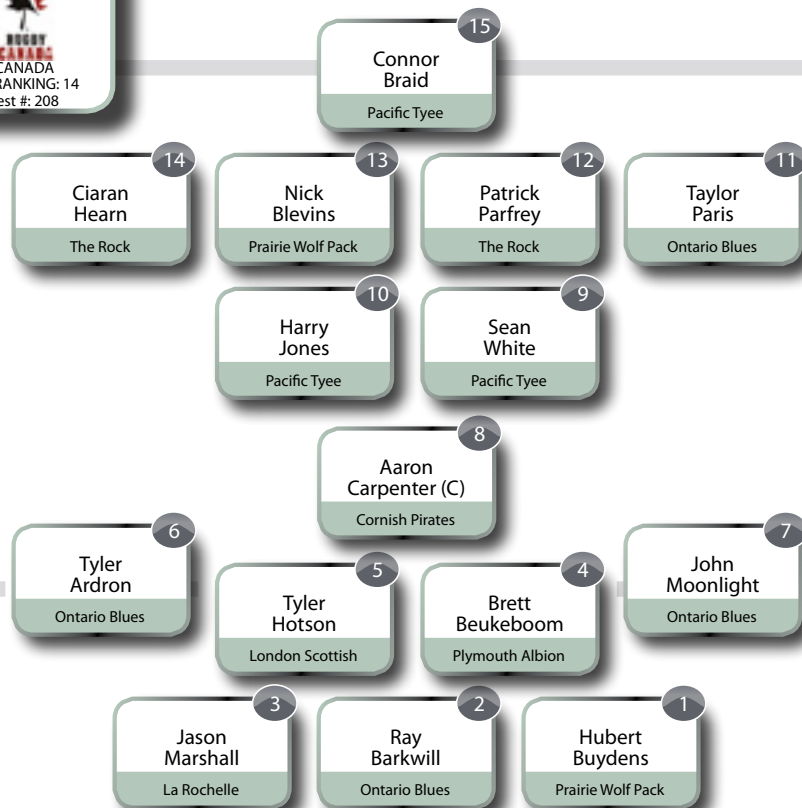
ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?

- Both countries will put out relatively inexperienced sides on Saturday. Canada will edge the USA in this regard, fielding a side with 179 Test caps, as against the 174 caps in the USA side.
- At 32, Canada hooker RAY BARKWILL will be the oldest player on the pitch on Saturday, while his Ontario Blues team mate TAYLOR PARIS, will be youngest at just 20 years of age. PARIS is more experienced at this level, having won five caps to BARKWILL'S two.

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

- FRANCISCO PASTRANA of Argentina will referee the match on Saturday. It will be PASTRANA'S eighth Test match he has officiated, and the first between the two sides.

Team Sheets



Replacements

16 Ryan Hamilton (Pacific Tyee)
 17 Andrew Tiedemann (FC Auch Gers)
 18 Doug Wooldridge (Ontario Blues)
 19 Jon Phelan (The Rock)
 20 Cam Pierce (Pau)
 21 Nanyak Dala (Prairie Wolf Pack)
 22 Phil Mack (Pacific Tyee)
 23 Liam Underwood (Ontario Blues)

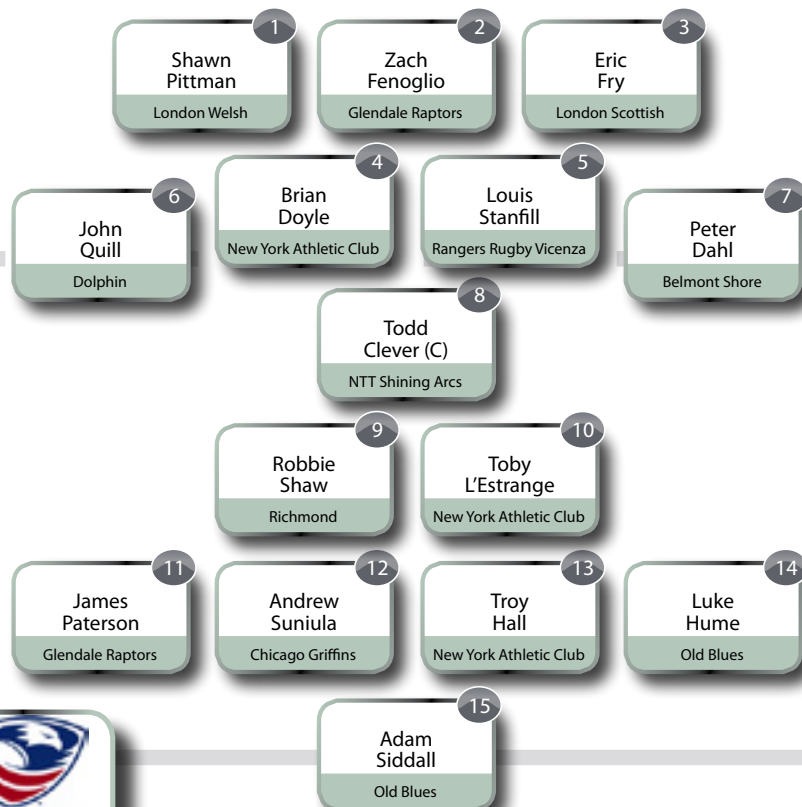
Key Stats

Caps Starting Lineup: 179
 Avg Age Starting Lineup: 25
 Oldest Player: Ray Barkwill (32)
 Youngest Player: Taylor Paris (20)
 Avg Weight Forwards: 110 kg

Officials

Referee:
 Francisco Pastrana (Argentina) - 7 Tests

Tests at Venue: 0 Tests
 Canada: 2 Tests
 USA: 2 Tests
 Test Debut: 14/11/2009 - Uruguay v USA



Replacements

16 Tom Collican (New York Athletic Club)
 17 Phil Thiel (Life Rugby, Georgia)
 18 Nick Wallace (St Mary's College, California)
 19 Graham Harriman (Chicago Griffins)
 20 Liam Murphy (Boston Rugby)
 21 Chris Saint (Houston Athletic Rugby Club)
 22 Seamus Kelly (St Mary's College, California)
 23 Blaine Scully (USA 7s)

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Head to Head

Recent Results

Date	Team A	Result		Team B	Venue
09/06/2012	Canada	28	25	USA	Kingston
13/08/2011	USA	7	27	Canada	Glendale, Colorado
06/08/2011	Canada	28	22	USA	Toronto
11/07/2009	Canada	41	18	USA	Edmonton
04/07/2009	USA	12	6	Canada	Charleston

Summary

Canada		48 Matches (1 Draw)	USA	
35		Won		12
1135		Points		687
119		Tries		67
85		Conversions		47
126		Penalties		85
8		Drop Goals		6

Player Records

For Canada against USA		For USA against Canada	
Al Charron - 16	Appearances	16 - Mike MacDonald	
James Pritchard - 147	Points	92 - Mike Hercus	
4 Players - 5	Tries	5 - Todd Clever	
James Pritchard - 31	Conversions	13 - Mike Hercus	
2 Players - 25	Penalties	15 - Mike Hercus	
Mark Wyatt - 4	Drop Goals	2 - Mike Hercus	

Player Records in a Match

For Canada against USA		For USA against Canada	
James Pritchard on 12/08/2006 - 36	Points	20 - Mike Hercus on 27/08/2003	
On 2 Occasions - 3	Tries	2 - On 2 Occasions	
James Pritchard on 02/06/2007 - 7	Conversions	4 - Grant Wells on 03/06/2000	
On 2 Occasions - 6	Penalties	6 - Matt Alexander on 18/09/1996	
On 8 Occasions - 1	Drop Goals	1 - On 6 Occasions	

Team Records in a Match

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On 12/08/2006 - 56	Points	35 - On 27/08/2003	
On 3 Occasions - 7	Tries	5 - On 19/06/2004	
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On 2 Occasions - 6	Penalties	6 - On 18/09/1996	
On 2 Occasions - 2	Drop Goals	1 - On 6 Occasions	



Head Coach: Kieran Crowley

Debut: 21/06/2008 v USA (W 26-10)
 Winning Ratio: 53.33%
 Average Tries per Match: 2.67

Canada Record Under Kieran Crowley

16 Wins	1 Drawn	13 Lost
696 For	Points	733 Against
80 For	Tries	85 Against
58 For	Conversions	61 Against
57 For	Penalties	60 Against
3 For	Drop Goals	2 Against

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
17/11/2012	Russia	W 35 3	Colwyn Bay
09/11/2012	Samoa	L 12 42	Colwyn Bay
23/06/2012	Georgia	W 31 12	Burnaby
15/06/2012	Italy	L 16 25	Toronto
09/06/2012	USA	W 28 25	Kingston
Points For		122	
Points Ag		107	
Tries For		13	
Tries Ag		11	

Player Info For Canada

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Hubert Buydens	1	31	10/06/2006	14	5	4	8	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Ray Barkwill	2	32	09/11/2012	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Marshall	3	28	22/11/2008	17	5	3	10	1	6	10	2	0	0	0
Brett Beukeboom	4	22	09/06/2012	3	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler Hotson	5	27	21/06/2008	29	9	6	15	1	13	0	0	0	0	0
Tyler Ardron	6	21	09/06/2012	5	1	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
John Moonlight	7	25	06/06/2009	3	3	0	2	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
Aaron Carpenter (C)	8	30	25/05/2005	47	10	9	20	2	25	45	9	0	0	0
Sean White	9	24	15/11/2009	17	6	2	9	1	7	10	2	0	0	0
Harry Jones	10	23	17/11/2012	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor Paris	11	20	06/11/2010	5	1	0	4	0	1	15	3	0	0	0
Patrick Parfrey	12	21		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Blevins	13	24	15/11/2009	8	4	0	4	0	4	5	1	0	0	0
Ciaran Hearn	14	27	08/11/2008	24	5	5	12	0	12	7	1	1	0	0
Connor Braid	15	22	06/11/2010	4	2	0	2	0	2	5	1	0	0	0
Total				179	54	31	93	6	80	102	20	1	0	0
Ryan Hamilton	16	25	05/06/2010	11	8	3	7	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew Tiedemann	17	24	30/05/2009	16	9	4	10	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Doug Wooldridge	18	27	23/05/2009	9	5	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Phelan	19	27	06/11/2010	7	6	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cam Pierce	20	21		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nanyak Dala	21	28	02/06/2007	18	11	5	10	0	8	15	3	0	0	0
Phil Mack	22	27	23/05/2009	9	8	2	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Liam Underwood	23	21		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Records For Canada

Caps

76 - Al Charron
 66 - Winston Stanley
 64 - Scott Stewart

Tries

24 - Winston Stanley
 13 - Morgan Williams
 13 - James Pritchard

Points

491 - Gareth Rees
 462 - James Pritchard
 421 - Bobby Ross

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 36 - James Pritchard v USA on 12/08/2006
 Tries: 4 - Kyle Nichols v Japan on 15/07/2000
 Conversions: 9 - Gareth Rees v Namibia on 14/10/1999
 Penalties: 8 - Mark Wyatt v Scotland on 25/05/1991
 Drop Goals: 2 - 3 players

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 72 v Namibia on 14/10/1999
 Tries: 11 v Barbados on 24/06/2006
 Conversions: 9 v Namibia on 14/10/1999
 Penalties: 8 v Scotland on 25/05/1991
 Drop Goals: 2 on 5 Occasions



Head Coach: Mike Tolkin

Debut: 09/06/2012 v Canada (L 28-25)
Winning Ratio: 50%
Average Tries per Match: 3.33

USA Record Under Mike Tolkin

3 Wins	0 Drawn	3 Lost
158 For	Points	129 Against
20 For	Tries	15 Against
14 For	Conversions	9 Against
10 For	Penalties	12 Against
0 For	Drop Goals	0 Against

Recent Matches

Date	Opponent	Result	Venue
24/11/2012	Romania	W 34 - 3	Bucharest
17/11/2012	Tonga	L 13 - 22	Colwyn Bay
09/11/2012	Russia	W 40 - 26	Colwyn Bay
23/06/2012	Italy	L 10 - 30	Houston
16/06/2012	Georgia	W 36 - 20	Glendale,
Points For		133	
Points Ag		101	
Tries For		17	
Tries Ag		12	

Player Info For USA

Player	Pos	Age	Debut	Caps	Caps as Sub	Caps v Opponent	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Tries	Cons	Pens	DGs
Shawn Pittman	1	25	08/11/2008	23	6	5	10	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
Zach Fenoglio	2	23	09/11/2012	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Fry	3	25	08/06/2011	12	4	3	4	0	8	5	1	0	0	0
Brian Doyle	4	29	07/06/2008	8	2	2	2	0	6	5	1	0	0	0
Louis Stanfill	5	27	25/05/2005	36	3	8	11	0	25	15	3	0	0	0
John Quill	6	22	09/11/2012	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Peter Dahl	7	28	31/05/2009	5	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Todd Clever (C)	8	30	23/08/2003	46	2	11	16	0	30	55	11	0	0	0
Robbie Shaw	9	29	11/06/2008	5	3	1	2	0	3	15	3	0	0	0
Toby L'Estrange	10	24	09/11/2012	3	0	0	2	0	1	5	1	0	0	0
James Paterson	11	26	21/08/2011	7	0	1	2	0	5	13	2	0	1	0
Andrew Suniula	12	31	16/11/2008	18	1	3	7	0	11	20	4	0	0	0
Troy Hall	13	31	08/06/2011	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Luke Hume	14	25	09/06/2012	6	0	1	3	0	3	5	1	0	0	0
Adam Siddall	15	24		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total				174	25	35	64	0	110	138	27	0	1	0
Tom Collican	16	24		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phil Thiel	17	28	14/11/2009	12	3	2	4	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Wallace	18	23		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graham Harriman	19	26	24/11/2012	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liam Murphy	20	24		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Saint	21	23		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seamus Kelly	22	21		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blaine Sculley	23	25	18/06/2011	8	2	2	2	0	6	5	1	0	0	0

Records For USA

Caps

67 - Mike MacDonald
62 - Luke Gross
57 - Alec Parker

Tries

26 - Vaea Anitoni
17 - Paul Emerick
11 - Todd Clever

Points

465 - Mike Hercus
286 - Matt Alexander
144 - Chris O'Brien

Player Records (In a Match)

Points: 26 - 3 players
Tries: 5 - Dick Hyland v Romania on 11/05/1924
Conversions: 13 - Mike Hercus v Barbados on 01/07/2006
Penalties: 6 - Matt Alexander v Canada on 18/09/1996
Drop Goals: 1 - 18 players

Team Records (In a Match)

Points: 91 v Barbados on 01/07/2006
Tries: 13 v Barbados on 01/07/2006
Conversions: 13 v Barbados on 01/07/2006
Penalties: 6 v Canada on 18/09/1996
Drop Goals: 2 v Georgia on 27/11/2010