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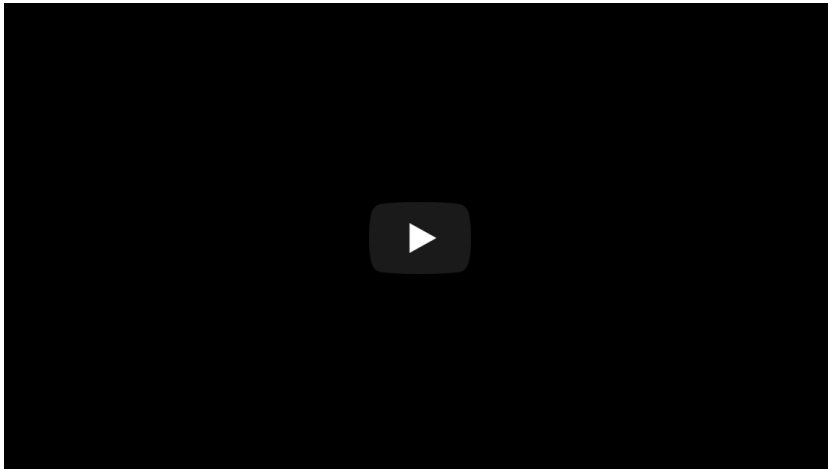
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Saturday, June 7, 2014 - Submitted by Connor McGee- Rugby Canada Communications

In front of a sold out crowd of 6,328 people at Swangard Stadium, Burnaby, BC, Canada lost to Japan 34-25.



The game saw the return of international rugby to Canada's West Coast and was the opening match of the Pacific Nations Cup. Canada will now continue their pursuit of the Cup on June 21st in Sacramento.

Before playing the USA, Canada will travel to Toronto to play Scotland at BMO Field on June 14th.

Canada dominated the opening minutes of the first half and were rewarded with a try scored by Ciaran Hearn in the 6th minute. Following a line break by winger Taylor Paris, Canada had a ruck just in front of the goal line. Scrumhalf Gordon McRorie distributed the ball wide to Flyhalf Harry Jones, Jones then passed wide to Fullback James Pritchard who moved the ball to an unmarked Hearn for the try. Pritchard just missed the following conversion, making the score 5-0.

The following thirty minutes saw a fierce competition between kickers Pritchard and Japanese Fullback Goromaru resulting in four lead changes.

In the 35th minute Paris kicked and caught a perfectly weighted chip kick deep into the Japanese defensive end. This put Canada in a strong offensive position and just moments later Canadian Flanker John Moonlight capitalized by smashing his way into the endzone right between the posts. A simple conversion by Pritchard made the score 18-9.

Canada wasted no time in scoring their third try of the match as they scored on the ensuing Japanese restart kick. Hearn took the ball in the air and split the oncoming Japanese defensive line. After a couple strong steps Hearn passed on the ball to McRorie who offloaded the ball in contact to support runner Hubert Buydens. Buydens drew in Japanese defenders before distributing to Paris who sprinted up the sideline and into the endzone for the try. Pritchard slotted the following conversion to make the score 25-9 going into half-time.

Japan started off the second half strong as they scored a try in the opening minute following the half-time break. A well

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worked set piece off the base of a ruck saw Japanese centers split the Canadian line and pass to the open Japanese winger for a try in the corner. The accompanying conversion by Goromaru went wide making the score 25-14 for Canada.

Goromaru slotted another penalty, bringing the score to 25-17.

A quick lineout taken by Paris nearly resulted in a fourth try for the Canadians in the 56th minute. The ball was spun wide from one sideline to the other, ending in the hands of Hearn who kicked and retrieved the ball deep only to drop the ball just a metre from the Japanese endzone.

Japan retaliated with a try of their own just minutes later off the base of the scrum just inside the Canadian half. The Japanese Inside Center took the ball with pace off a tight pass from the Scrumhalf and split the middle of the Canadian line. With a successful conversion the lead was narrowed to a single point, Canada still leading 25-24.

Japan would add a nearly identical try ten minutes later, taking the lead 31-25 with a mere ten minutes left in the game.

Despite Canadian offensive efforts they couldn't retake the lead. Goromaru would add an extra penalty kick in the 80th minute for a final score of 34-25.

CANADA'S ROSTER TO FACE JAPAN:

1. Hubert Buydens – (Manawatu Turbos/Prairie Wolf Pack) Saskatoon, SK
2. Ray Barkwill – (Niagara Wasps RFC/Ontario Blues) Niagara Falls, ON
3. Jason Marshall – (Atlantique Stade Rochelais) Vancouver, BC
4. Tyler Hotson – (London Scottish RFC) Vancouver, BC
5. Jamie Cudmore – (ASM Clermont Auvergne) Squamish, BC
6. Jebb Sinclair – (London Irish/Atlantic Rock) Fredericton, NB
7. John Moonlight – (James Bay AA/Ontario Blues) Pickering, ON
8. Tyler Ardron – *Captain* (Ospreys/Ontario Blues) Lakefield, ON
9. Gordon McRorie – (Calgary Hornets/Prairie Wolf Pack) Calgary, AB
10. Harry Jones – (Capilano RFC/BC Bears) Vancouver, BC
11. Taylor Paris – (SU Agen Lot-et-Garonne) Barrie, ON
12. Nick Blevins – (Calgary Hornets/Prairie Wolf Pack) Calgary, AB
13. Ciaran Hearn – (Castaway Wanderers/Atlantic Rock) Conception Bay South, NL
14. Jeff Hassler – (Ospreys/Prairie Wolf Pack) Okotoks, AB
15. James Pritchard – (Bedford Blues) Parkes, NSW, Australia
16. Andrew Tiedemann – (Castaway Wanderers/Prairie Wolf Pack) St. Albert, AB
17. Aaron Carpenter – (Cornish Pirates RFC) Brantford, ON
18. Jake Innicki – (Castaway Wanderers/BC Bears) Williams Lake, BC
19. Jon Phelan – (Castaway Wanderers/Atlantic Rock) Montreal, QC
20. Adam Kleeberger – (Castaway Wanderers/BC Bears) White Rock, BC
21. Phil Mack – (James Bay AA/BC Bears) Victoria, BC
22. Connor Braid – (James Bay AA/BC Bears) Victoria, BC
23. DTH van der Merwe – (Glasgow Warriors) Regina, SK

Unavailable due to Injury:

Nanyak Dala – (Castaway Wanderers/Saskatoon Wild Oats) Saskatoon, SK
Liam Underwood – (Ontario Blues) Toronto, ON

CANADA'S MEN'S STAFF:

Kieran Crowley – Head Coach
Gareth Rees – Manager
Neil Barnes – Assistant Coach
Ben Herring – Assistant Coach
Mike Shelley – Assistant Coach
Calum Ramsay – Performance Analyst
Danielle Mah – Physiotherapist
Carla Brash, Mike Cook – Athletic Therapists
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Saturday, May 31
Klahanie Park, West Vancouver, BC

CANADA 25 VS JAPAN 31

Saturday, June 7
Pacific Nations Cup
Swangard Stadium, Burnaby, BC
Kickoff 6:00pm Pacific Time (9pm ET)
LIVE on TSN and Streamed LIVE on www.irb.com

CANADA VS SCOTLAND

Saturday, June 14
BMO Field, Toronto, ON
Kickoff 2pm Eastern Time (11am PT)
Streamed LIVE on www.tsn.ca and Delayed on TSN at 8pm ET/5pm PT

CANADA VS USA

Saturday, June 21
Pacific Nations Cup
Bonney Field, Sacramento, CA
Kickoff 3pm Pacific Time (6pm ET)
LIVE on TSN

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