

## JAPAN v CANADA Second Test PREVIEW

Canada Tour to Japan 2009 First Test: Japan 46 d Canada 8, Sunday, 15 November 2009, kick-off at 2:00 PM, Yurtec Stadium, Sendai. Second Test: Japan v Canada, Saturday, 21 November 2009, kick-off at 2:00 PM, Prince Chichibu Memorial Rugby Ground, Tokyo. Japan v Canada Date: Saturday, 21 November 2009. Venue: Prince Chichibu Memorial Rugby Ground, Tokyo. Japan Test Number: 251. Kick-off: 2:00 PM (local Japan time). Referee: Vinnie Munro (NZ). Previous Encounters Japan and Canada or British Columbia have met on 25 previous occasions with Japan winning 12, Canada/British Columbia 10 and there have been three draws. Japan 46 d Canada 8, 15 November 2009, Sendai, (Test No.250) Japan 12 drew with Canada 12, Tuesday, 25 September 2007, Bordeaux, 6th RWC. (Test No.230) Canada 15 d Japan 10, 29 May 2005, Chichibu, Tokyo, Super Cup final. (Test No.205) Japan 34 d Canada 21, 30 May 2004, Chichibu, Tokyo, Super Powers Cup final. (Test No.195) Japan 39 d Canada 7, 8 July 2001, Chichibu, Tokyo, 6th PRC, play-off for 3rd. (Test No.174) Canada 62 d Japan 18, 15 July 2000, Toronto, 5th PRC. (Test No.167) Japan 23 d Canada 21, 1 May 1999, Chichibu, Tokyo, 4th PRC. (Test No.153) Canada 34 d Japan 25, 20 June 1998, Vancouver, 3rd PRC. (Test No.147) Canada 30 d Japan 22, 3 May 1998, Chichibu, Tokyo, 3rd PRC. (Test No.142) Canada 42 d Japan 18, 14 June 1997, Vancouver, 2nd PRC. (Test No.140) Japan 32 d Canada 31, 18 May 1997, Chichibu, Tokyo, 2nd PRC. (Test No.137) Canada 51 d Japan 30, 13 July 1996, Vancouver, 1st PRC. (Test No.134) Canada 45 d Japan 18, 9 June 1996, Chichibu, Tokyo, 1st Pacific Rim Championship (PRC). (Test No.131) Canada 49 d Japan 26, 11 May 1991, Vancouver. (Test No.110) Japan 26 d Canada 21, 7 June 1986, Vancouver. (Test No.89) Japan 16 d Canada 6, 18 April 1982, Chichibu, Tokyo. (Test No.72) Japan 24 d Canada 18, 11 April 1982, Hanazono, Osaka. (Test No.71) British Columbia 38 d Japan 7, 12 May 1976, Vancouver. (Test No.51) Japan 32 d British Columbia 3, 22 March 1970, Chichibu, Tokyo. (Test No.31) Japan 33 d British Columbia 6, 13 April 1963, Vancouver. (Test No.22) Japan 11 drew with Canada (British Columbia) 11, 22 March 1959, Chichibu, Tokyo. (Test No.19) Canada (British Columbia) 21 d Japan 17, 15 March 1959, Hanazono, Osaka. (Test No.18) Japan 38 d Canada 5, 11 February 1932, Meiji Jingu, Tokyo. (Test No.3) Japan 9 d Canada 8, 31 January 1932, Hanazono, Osaka. (Test No.2) Japan 3 drew with British Columbia 3, 24 September 1930, Vancouver. (Test No.1) Japan (IRB rank 13, at 16 November 2009)

Pos.	Name	Club	Age	Hgt/Wgt	Caps	1	Naoki KAWAMATA	Sanyo
24	184/118	4	2	Shota HORIE	Sanyo	23	180/104	1 3 Kensuke
	HATAKEYAMA	Suntory	24	178/122	9	4	Hitoshi ONO	Toshiba 31
192/105	36	5	Toshizumi	KITAGAWA	Toyota	28	195/105	24 6
Michael LEITCH	Tokai Univ.	21	189/99	8	7	Phil OIREILLY	Yokogawa	29
190/105	10	8	Takashi	KUKUTANI (c)	Toyota	29	187/100	27 9
Tomoki YOSHIDA	Toshiba	27	171/78	19	10	Shaun WEBB	Coca-Cola	27
180/90	15	11	Hiroto	ONOZAWA	Suntory	31	180/87	53 12 Ryan
NICHOLAS	Suntory	30	192/100	16	13	Alisi TUPUAILEI	Honda	29
187/116	1	14	Kosuke	ENDO	Toyota	28	186/90	24 15 Go ARUGA
Suntory	25	175/84	13				16	Takeshi KIZU Tokai Univ.
21	183/110	-	17	Hisateru	HIRASHIMA	Kobe	26	180/115 9 18
Shinya MAKABE	Suntory	22	192/110	-	19	Toetuú TAUFA	Kintetsu	28
183/105	8	20	Yuki	YATOMI	Yamaha	24	176/83	13 21 James
ARLIDGE	Newport (Wales)	30	187/93	15	22	Ayumu GOROMARU	Yamaha	
23	185/98	9	Head Coach - John Kirwan.		Canada (IRB rank 14, at 16 November 2009)			

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180/115	51	2	Pat Riordan (c)	University of Victoria	30	185/106	25	3
Doug Woolridge	Cowichan	23	184/99	3	4	Jebb Sinclair	Castaway Wanderers	
23	182/108	10	5	Tyler Hotson	Plymouth Albion (Eng)	24	196/112	11
6	Nanyak Dala	Castaway Wanderers	25	178/94	8	7	Adam Kleeberger	
Rotherham Titans (Eng)	25	195/95	22	8	Aaron Carpenter	Coventry (Eng)	26	
183/104	29	9	Sean White	JBAA	21	180/83	1 10	Ander Monro
Castaway Wanderers	28	178/88	18	11	Justin Mensah-Coker	Moseley (Eng)	25	
196/107	19	12	Nick Blevins	Velox Valhallians	20	188/98	1 13	Matt
Evans	Hartpury College (Eng)	21	183/89	7	14	Ciaran Hearn	Castaway	
Wanderers	23	190/100	9	15	James Pritchard	Bedford Blues (Eng)	30	175/85
30				16	Mike Pletch	Velox Valhallians	26	180/111
23	17	Dan Pletch	Oakville	Crusaders	26	180/108	23	18
OiToole	Castaway Wanderers	23	184/80	3	19	Mark MacSween	Balmy Beach	
23	190/97	-	20	Phil Mack	University of Victoria	24	170/77	5 21
Nathan Hirayama	University of Victoria	21	183/88	3	22	Sean Duke	University of	
Victoria	21	189/89	4	Head Coach: Kieran Crowley (48). Preview Although there were some bright patches for Canada in the first test against Japan last Sunday in Sendai, at the end of eighty minutes of rugby the scoreboard read 46-8 to Japan. Canada tried to play open rugby but a high mistake rate and problems at the scrum and breakdown meant Japan were always in control. Japan exceeded 40 points against a Canadian side for the first time and the 38 point margin was the biggest winning difference for Japan, surpassing the 33 point margin in the 38-5 win for Japan at the Meiji Jingu Stadium in Tokyo way back in 1932. There is not a lot of time for Canadian head coach Kieran Crowley and his team to turn things around as the two sides transfer from Sendai in north-eastern Japan to the capital of				

Tokyo to prepare for the crucial second test. The visitors will be all the better for the hit-out in the first test but there are things to work on in training during the week if they are to come out and win the Tokyo test. The last time Canada played at the Prince Chichibu Memorial Rugby Ground in Tokyo was when they met Japan in the final of the Super Cup on 29 May 2005 and this should help with the confidence of the Canadians. On that occasion, a young Dan Pletch started at loose head prop, while prop Kevin Tkachuk and No8 Aaron Carpenter were on the bench as Canada triumphed 15-10 to break a two-game winning streak that the Japanese enjoyed going back to the days of the Pacific Rim Championship in 2001. In Sendai, Japan scored three tries in each half to put the result beyond doubt in a game played at a high pace. The home side made the most of their opportunities in attack while a solid defence restricted Canada to one try, scored late in the game. Japan head coach John Kirwan will be looking for his side up pick up where they left off last Sunday, though he will also be looking for improvements in the lineout that was wayward at times in the first test. Kirwan will be wanting to close out the two-test series with a second win before the test side disbands for the remainder of the domestic rugby season. Kirwan has made only one change to the starting line-up that did the job in Sendai with Alisi Tupuailei moving up from the bench to replace Koji Taira at outside centre. On the bench there are several changes with uncapped Tokai University hooker Takeshi Kizu coming in for Yoshimitsu Yasue who drops out of the XXII. Suntory rookie lock Shinya Makabe earns his place on the bench at the expense of Daniel Quate after his fine form in the first seven rounds of Top League and like Kizu he too will be hoping to run on at some stage for his first cap. Finally, Yamaha fullback Ayumu Goromaru is added to the reserves. For Canada, tight head props Dan Pletch and Doug Woolridge swaps places with Pletch dropping back to the bench with Woolridge moving into the starting line-up. In the second row, Josh Jackson has had to return to France with Jebb Sinclair taking his place from the bench for the second test. Blindside flanker Chauncey O'Toole also drops to the bench to make way for Nanyak Dala on the side of the scrum. Likewise, halfbacks Sean White and Phil Mack trade places with White claiming the No.9 jersey. Inside centre Bryn Keys is also out of the squad after injuring his right ankle in the first test with Nick Blevins promoted from the bench. Ciaran Hearn moves from the outside centre position to the right wing for this test with Matt Evans coming into the starting XV. In other changes, uncapped No8 Mark MacSween moves onto the bench. Finally, New Zealand referee Vinnie Munro will control his first international after being assistant referee in the first test.