

France Gets by USA Men

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Close losses have become the order of the day for the USA men's 7s team, as they were defeated by France in their second match in the Dubai 7s 17-14.



After giving up an early score to Marcel Dall Igna, the Eagles held France in check for the rest of the first half, and right before halftime took the lead, with captain Shalom Suniula scoring and converting his own try.

France, who had been thrashed by Canada in Round 1, retook the lead when Terry Bouhraoua, who had just subbed on, scored and converted to put his side up 12-7. Renaud Delmas then scored to make the lead almost insurmountable.

The USA has been bringing Carlin Isles on as a sub and trying to get the speedster the ball in space. Against Australia that was tough, but just before full time Isles found enough green to race in to make it, with Suniula's conversion, 17-14.

There was just enough time to get the ball back, and the USA did, but despite a long series with the ball and a yellow card to Bouhraoua, they couldn't get that winning try.

France improves to 1-1 and faces Australia. The USA drops to 0-2.

USA 14

Tries: Suniula, Isles

Convs: Suniula 2

France 17

Tries: Dall Igna, Bouhraoua, Delmas

Convs: Bouhraoua

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USA Starting Lineup

Matt Hawkins

Zack Test

Colin Hawley

Nate Augspurger

Shalom Suniula

Nick Edwards

Maka Unufe

Subs used:

Brett Thompson

Carlin Isles

Jack Halalilo

Folau Niua