



GAME NOTES



SCOTLAND VS ITALY



HEAD TO HEAD

- Scotland have won their last six meetings with Italy, including three matches in the Six Nations.
- Scotland have scored at least 29 points in their last three Six Nations matches against Italy. Their 94 total points scored in these three games attributed to 27.2% of their total points over the last three Six Nations Championships.
- Italy's 27-point tally in their last Six Nations clash with Scotland was their highest points total against Scotland in the competition since their 37-17 win at Murrayfield in 2007. It was also the most points Italy have amassed in defeat to Scotland in the Six Nations.
- Scotland have won each of the last three meetings between the sides in the Six Nations but have never won four games in a row against the Azzurri in the tournament.
- Scotland became the second nation to hold Italy scoreless in a Six Nations game when they beat them 29-0 on the Azzurri's last trip to Murrayfield. France had previously done it on two occasions (25-0 in 2004, 29-0 in 2015).

COMMON STATISTICS

- The Eight of Scotland's 11 tries in the 2018 Six Nations originated from lineouts

Scotland	Try Origins	Italy
8	Lineouts	7
1	Counter Attacks	2
1	Scrum	1
1	Others	2

48.7% of tries scored in the 2018 Six Nations originated from lineouts, as both Scotland (72.7%) and Italy (58.3%) were above this average.

- Scotland scored 50% (6) of their 12 tries from scrums during the autumn internationals, with four tries from lineouts.

- Only four players who had at least 20 carries averaged more than 10 metres per run during the 2018 Six Nations, including Huw Jones and Stuart Hogg for Scotland and Mattia Bellini for Italy.

Most Metres Run per Carry - 2018 Six Nations

Player	Metres Run per Carry	Total Carries
Huw Jones (Scotland)	11.7	28
Mattia Bellini (Italy)	10.6	29
George North (Wales)	10.6	27
Stuart Hogg (Scotland)	10.5	55

Minimum 20 total carries

- No player had more dominant tackles in the 2018 Six Nations than Italy's Alessandro Zanni (18), two more than Scotland's Jonny Gray.

Player	Total
Alessandro Zanni (Italy)	18
Jonny Gray (Scotland)	16
Alun Wyn Jones (Wales)	12
Stuart McInally (Scotland)	11

- The soon to be 35-year-old had twice as many dominant tackles than any of his teammates (Leonardo Ghiraldini was second with nine, although that was the joint-ninth highest total in the championship).
- Italy made 105 dominant tackles in the 2018 Six Nations, only Ireland (107) made more, while Scotland made just 81 dominant tackles, the second-lowest total in the tournament.
- Only Wales (42.7%) attempted passes, keeping the ball alive, with a higher percentage of possession in their own 22 than Italy (41.2%) in the 2018 Six Nations.

Scotland	Types of Play - Own 22	Italy
26.9%	Kick	23.5%
37.9%	Carry	35.3%
35.2%	Pass	41.2%

Furthermore, only Ireland (23.0%) kicked out of their own 22 more with a lower percentage of their possessions than Italy (23.5%) in the 2018 tournament.

- During the 2018 Six Nations, Scotland scored more points on average (7.8) in the final 20-minutes of the game than in any other 20-minute segment.

Time Segment	0'-20'	20'-40'	40'-60'	60'-80'
Points Scored	6.0	4.2	2.2	7.8

- Italy conceded more points (14.8) in the final 20 minutes of 2018 Six Nations games than they did in any other 20-minute segment.

SCOTLAND

- Scotland kicked 35% of the time in possession in their own 22 when leading, which dropped to 23.0% when trailing during the 2018 Six Nations.

Types of Play - Own 22	Leading	Trailing
Pass	22.5%	39.1%
Carry	42.5%	37.9%
Kick	35.0%	23.0%

- No nation attempted to carry the ball with a higher percentage of possession than Scotland (42.5%) in their own 22 while leading in last year's Six Nations.
- Scotland had more 6+ second rucks during their four autumn internationals fixtures (59) than they had in their five matches during the 2018 Six Nations (56).
- Stuart Hogg led the 2018 Six Nations in both running metres (575m) and kicking metres (1,511m). He was the only player with over 300 metres carried and 500 metres kicked in last year's Championship.

Running Metres		Kicking Metres	
Stuart Hogg (Scotland)	575	Stuart Hogg (Scotland)	1,511
Jacob Stockdale (Ireland)	456	George Ford (England)	1,073
Robert Kearney (Ireland)	434	Conor Murray (Ireland)	1,065
CJ Stander (Ireland)	398	Danny Care (England)	1,009

- Stuart Hogg accounted for 43.2% of Scotland's 3,501 metres kicked during the 2018 Six Nations.

ITALY

- Italy had 50 '6+ second' rucks in 2018, the joint-lowest total in the tournament (alongside Wales).
- No other nation's average ruck speed was lower than Italy's 3.27 seconds in the tournament, although when facing Italy, their opponent's average ruck speed of 3.32 was also the lowest in the competition. Italy had 50 '6+ second' rucks in 2018, the joint-lowest total in the tournament (alongside Wales). (same as above)
- No player had more breakdown steals than Alessandro Zanni (4) in the 2018 Six Nations, as no other Italian player had more than one.

Player	Total
Alessandro Zanni (Italy)	4
Josh Navidi (Wales)	4
7 Players	3

Two Scottish players had three breakdown steals in the 2018 Six Nations.

- Italy's largest points deficit per ten-minute spell came between the 61st and 70th minutes of games in the 2018 Six Nations. During those ten minutes, they were outscored by 26 points.

Time Segment	61'-70'	71'-80'	21'-30'	0'-10'
Points Differential	-26	-19	-15	-14

Italy were outscored by 45 points in the final 20 minutes of games during the 2018 Six Nations.

- Only Ireland (25.8m) had a shorter average kick distance than Italy (27.8m) in the 2018 Six Nations.

Team	Average Kick Distance (metres)
Scotland	32.7
Wales	31.1
England	29.7
France	29.1
Italy	27.8
Ireland	25.8

Italy's average kick distance increased to 29.3m when away from home, compared to their 26.8m average when playing in the Stadio Olimpico.