



GAME NOTES



England
Rugby



ENGLAND VS ITALY



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- Italy and England have faced off 19 times in the Six Nations - with Italy yet to muster a victory. The only time they managed to score 20 points or more was in the nations' second clash in 2001 when they lost 80-23.
- Italy have scored a combined 30 points in their last two Six Nations games against England - the most they have scored in back-to-back games against them since scoring 32 points across their 2001 and 2002 meetings.
- England have scored 36 points or more in their last five Six Nations meetings with Italy, after failing to score 20 points in three of their previous four clashes in the competition.
- Italy have scored a total of 86 points in their last eight Six Nations trips to Twickenham. England scored 80 points in the home game against them prior to this period, their first meeting in the Championship.
- Italy have only scored 20 points or more on one occasion at Twickenham in the Six Nations, in an 80-23 defeat in 2001. England have only failed to score 20 points or more against Italy at Twickenham on one occasion - in an 18-11 win in 2013.

COMMON STATISTICS

- England have scored 57 points in the first half of games in the 2019 Championship, 23 more than any other nation.

Nation	First Half Points
England	57
France	34
Ireland	34
Italy	26
Scotland	25
Wales	15

- England have scored 11 tries so far in the 2019 Championship, more than any other nation. Four of their tries have originated from counter attacks - more than every other team combined (3 - including two for Wales and one for Scotland).

England	Try Origins	Italy
4	Counter Attacks	0
3	Lineouts	2
2	Turnovers	3
2	Other	2

Italy have scored three tries originating from lineouts, the joint-highest total in the Championship (alongside France and Scotland).

- Italy have conceded 11 tries in the 2019 Championship, more than every other nation. Five of those tries have originated from lineouts, as many tries as England have allowed in total - although three of those tries also originated from lineouts.

England	Opponent Try Origins	Italy
3	Lineouts	5
1	Scrum	2
0	Turnovers	2
1	Other	2

- Italy have lost five of their own scrums, as many as every other nation in the 2019 Championship combined. Even when maintaining possession after the scrum, three of their possessions have led to turnovers.

England	Scrum Lunch Outcomes	Italy
14	Own Scrums	20
1	Scrums Lost	5
2	Turnovers	3
7	Kicks	5

No nation's possessions after their own scrums have resulted in kicks more often than England (7 including one kick out of play).

- England have kicked from their possessions more often than every other nation in the 2019 Championship (13.9%), as no nation has attempted passes with a lower percentage of their possessions than the English (46.0%).

England	Types of Play	Italy
13.8%	Kick	7.0%
40.3%	Carry	42.1%
46.0%	Pass	50.9%

- England and Italy have taken contrasting approaches in their own 22. England have kicked with 37.3% of their possessions in comparison to 21.1% for Italy, while the Italians have passed the ball with 37.5% of their possessions - compared to 21.6% for England.

England	Types of Play - Own 22	Italy
37.3%	Kick	21.1%
41.2%	Carry	41.4%
21.6%	Pass	37.5%

- England have only lost three of their 258 rucks, the lowest total in the 2019 Championship, while Italy have lost more rucks than any other nation (14).
- Only Ireland (3.39 seconds) have been quicker at the breakdown than Italy (3.59 seconds) so far in the 2019 Championship. Both Italy (33) and England (39) have had fewer than 40 rucks lasting more than six seconds.

England	Ruck Speed	Italy
3.79 secs	Average Ruck Speed	3.59 secs
39	6+ Second Rucks	33

- England have made 40 dominant tackles more than any other nation so far in the 2019 Six Nations, while no nation has made fewer dominant tackles than Italy (33).

England	Tackles	Italy
774	Total Tackles	646
107	Dominant Tackles	33
13.8%	% Dominant Tackles	5.1%

- England have already made more dominant tackles in the 2019 Championship (107) than they did in the 2018 Six Nations (99) - and have already equalled Ireland, who led the 2018 Championship with 107 dominant tackles.

England	Dominant Tackles / Match	Italy
20	2018 Championship	21
36	2019 Championship	11

- In comparison, Italy's dominant tackles per match average has almost halved from last year's average (21 per match in 2018 and 11 per match in 2019).
- Only 13 players have played all 240 minutes so far in the 2019 Championship, including Elliot Daly, Henry Slade, Mark Wilson and Owen Farrell for England and Angelo Esposito, Braam Steyn and Jayden Hayward for Italy.

ENGLAND

- England lost in their last match against Wales - they have only lost back-to-back games in the Six Nations once since the start of the 2014 Championship, a three-match losing run to end the 2018 Six Nations.
- England scored just 13 points against Wales, failing to reach 20 points for the fifth time in their last seven games in the Six Nations.
- England won their opening home game of the 2019 Championship against France, ensuring that they did not lose back-to-back Six Nations games at Twickenham for the first time.
- England scored 44 points against France in their opening home game of the 2019 Championship, more than they scored in their two home games in the 2018 Six Nations combined (27 points).
- Only four players have made more than 10 dominant tackles in the 2019 Championship, as all four of them are English.

Player	Dominant Tackles
Thomas Curry (England)	14
Mark Wilson (England)	13
Courtney Lawes (England)	11
Mako Vunipola (England)	11

- Only two players have kicked for over 1000 metres in the 2019 Championship - England's Ben Youngs and Owen Farrell.

Player	Kicking Metres
Ben Youngs (England)	1,259
Owen Farrell (England)	1,023
Conor Murray (Ireland)	810
Antoine Dupont (France)	557

- Youngs (49) and Farrell (35) are two of the three players who have attempted more than 21 kicks over the first three rounds (alongside Conor Murray - 36).
- Thomas Curry is one of four players with more than one breakdown steal in the 2019 Championship.

Player	Breakdown Steals
James Ritchie (Scotland)	4
Wenceslas Lauret (France)	4
Thomas Curry (England)	3
Peter O'Mahony (Ireland)	2

- Only Scotland's James Ritchie (44) has made more defensive ruck arrivals than Curry (38).

ITALY

- Italy have lost their last 20 matches in the Six Nations since their 22-19 victory at Scotland in 2015. No other nation has had a losing streak of more than nine games in the Six Nations.
- Italy have scored at least 15 points in their last four games in the Six Nations. They hadn't gone four consecutive games scoring at least 15 points since a six-match run between the 2000 and 2001 Championships.
- Italy have lost their last nine away games in the Six Nations. They have had runs of at least 10 consecutive away defeats twice in the Championship, as no other nation has lost more than nine straight away matches.
- Italy scored 20 points in their last away game in the Championship against Scotland. It was the first time since the opening game of the 2016 Six Nations in which they reached 20 points when they lost 23-21 in France.

- Italy have been successful with just 42.9% of their kicks at goal, including converting just two of their seven conversion attempts.
- Both Jayden Hayward and Michele Campagnaro are among the top five players in the 2019 Championship for metres carried. The two players have combined for 23% of Italy's 2,126 metres carried in the competition.

Player	Metres Carried
Blair Kinghorn (Scotland)	464
Jacob Stockdale (Ireland)	365
Jayden Hayward (Italy)	264
Louis Picamoles (France)	230
Michele Campagnaro (Italy)	226

- Campagnaro is one of just five players who have averaged more than 10 metres per carry so far in the 2019 Championship (minimum 15 carries).

Player (Team)	Average distance per carry
Jacob Stockdale (Ireland)	13.0
Yoann Huget (France)	12.0
Blair Kinghorn (Scotland)	11.6
Damian Penaud (France)	10.8
Michele Campagnaro (Italy)	10.3