



GAME NOTES



SCOTLAND VS WALES



HEAD TO HEAD

- Wales have won 10 of the last 11 meetings between the sides in the Six Nations, only failing to win in a 29-13 defeat against Scotland at Murrayfield in February 2017.
- Wales have also scored at least 20 points in 10 of the last 11 meetings between the sides in the Six Nations, only failing to reach 20 points in their 29-13 defeat against Scotland at Murrayfield in February 2017.
- The home team has won each of the last three meetings between Scotland and Wales in the Six Nations, with Scotland's win at Murrayfield in February 2017 their first victory against Wales since 2007.
- Scotland had won twice and drawn once in their first four home matches against Wales in the Six Nations era. They lost four games in a row prior to their victory in 2017.

COMMON STATISTICS

- Wales have scored just 15 points in the first half, all other nations have scored at least 25 points in the opening 40 minutes during the 2019 Championship.

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

- Wales have scored 78.8% (56) of their 71 points in the second half so far in the 2019 Championship, including 18 of their 21 points against England.

Scotland	Percentage of Points Scored	Wales
14.3%	0'-20'	12.7%
30.4%	20'-HT	8.5%
25.0%	HT-60'	38.0%
30.4%	60'-80'	40.8%

- Both Scotland and Wales have scored seven tries in the 2019 Championship. While turnovers have been the primary origin of Scotland tries (3), Wales have scored three of their seven tries from scrums.

Scotland	Try Origins	Wales
1	Counter Attacks	2
2	Lineouts	1
1	Scrums	3
3	Turnovers	1

- Four of the ten tries conceded by Scotland have originated from turnovers so far in the 2019 Championship.

Scotland	Opponent Try Origins	Wales
2	Lineouts	2
3	Scrums	1
4	Turnovers	1
1	Other	1

- Wales have struggled from set pieces so far in the 2019 Championship, as no nation has lost more of their lineouts and only Italy (25%) have lost more of their own scrums than the Welsh.

Scotland	Set Pieces	Wales
85.7%	Lineout Win %	69.7%
4th	2019 Rank	6th
92.9%	Own Scrum Win %	91.3%
4th	2019 Rank	5th

- Scotland are the only nation without a lineout steal after the first three rounds while Wales have stolen just one lineout in the 2019 Championship.
- Scotland have attempted passes with 55.0% of their possessions, the highest percentage in the 2019 Championship, as no nation has attempted kicks (5.9%) or carries (39.1%) with a lower percentage of their possessions than Scotland.

Scotland	Types of Play	Wales
5.9%	Kick	9.6%
39.1%	Carry	43.1%
55.0%	Pass	47.3%

- Only England (37.3%) have kicked out of their own 22 with a higher percentage of their possessions than Wales (35.2%) while Scotland have kicked with 19.3% of their possessions, the lowest percentage in the 2019 Championship.

Scotland	Types of Play - Own 22	Wales
19.3%	Kick	35.2%
51.8%	Carry	49.3%
28.9%	Pass	15.5%

- Wales have attempted passes with just 15.5% of their possessions in their own 22, the lowest percentage in the 2019 Championship.
- Only France (4.13 seconds) have been slower at the breakdown than Wales (3.92 seconds) so far in the 2019 Championship,

Scotland	Ruck Speed	Wales
3.70	Average Ruck Speed	3.92
14.0%	% 6+ Seconds Rucks	15.6%

- Wales' average ruck speed was 3.95 seconds in their win against England.
- Only England have made more tackles (774) and dominant tackles (107) than Scotland so far in the 2019 Championship.

Scotland	Tackles	Wales
680	Total Tackles	550
67	Dominant Tackles	38
9.9%	% Dominant Tackles	6.9%

- No player has made more tackle breaks than Scotland's Sean Maitland and Tommy Seymour so far in the 2019 Championship (5 - alongside Ireland's Jacob Stockdale), as Wales' Josh Adams and Liam Williams are both one behind the duo.

Player	Tackle Breaks
Sean Maitland (Scotland)	5
Tommy Seymour (Scotland)	5
Jacob Stockdale (Ireland)	5
Josh Adams (Wales)	4
Liam Williams (Wales)	4

SCOTLAND

- Scotland lost their last two Six Nations match, their longest losing run since a nine-match losing streak between 2014 and 2016.
- Scotland won three matches in both the 2017 and 2018 Championships, they need to win their last two games to reach that total in 2019.
- Scotland's seven-game unbeaten record at home in the Six Nations ended in their 22-13 defeat against Ireland in round two. They had lost seven consecutive home games in the competition prior to this run.
- Scotland had scored at least 25 points in each of their previous seven home games in the Six Nations before losing 22-13 to Ireland.
- Only Louis Picamoles (44) has had more carries than Blair Kinghorn (40) so far in the 2019 Championship, as Kinghorn (464) is the only player with more than 365 metres carried.
- James Ritchie is one of just four players with more than one breakdown steal so far in the 2019 Six Nations.

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

- Only England's Mark Wilson (47) has made more cleanouts than Scotland's Allan Dell (46) over the first three rounds of the 2019 Six Nations.

Player	Cleanouts
Mark Wilson (England)	47
Allan Dell (Scotland)	46
Quinn Roux (Ireland)	42
Dave Sisi (Italy)	35

WALES

- Wales have won their last five Six Nations matches, their longest winning streak in the competition since a run of eight consecutive wins between the 2007 and 2009 Championships.
- Wales went on to win the Grand Slam in each of the previous three editions of the Six Nations in which they opened a Championship with three consecutive victories (2005, 2008 and 2012).
- Wales have won their last two away games in the Six Nations, their longest winning run away from home in the competition since a run of three wins in 2015.
- Wales have scored at least 20 points in their last three Six Nations matches away from home. The last time they scored at least 20 points in four consecutive away games was between the 2004 and 2005 Championships. They lost their final away matches of both the 2004 and 2018 Championships before facing France, Italy and Scotland away from home in 2005 and 2019.

2004-05		2018-19	
Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result
England	L 21-31	Ireland	L 27-37
Italy	W 38-8	France	W 24-19
France	W 24-18	Italy	W 26-15
Scotland	W 46-22	Scotland	-

- Wales have become the first nation to fail to score a try in the first half during the first three rounds of the competition since France and Ireland in the 2015 Six Nations - both teams also failed to score in round four of the 2015 Championship. Wales were the last nation to fail to score a try over the course of all five rounds in a single Six Nations in the 2010 Championship.

- Wales have scored seven tries in the second half - no other nation has scored more than four in the 2019 Championship.