



# GAME NOTES



## ITALY VS WALES



## HEAD TO HEAD

- Wales have won 16 of their 19 meetings with Italy, losing twice and drawing once. Three of the other four nations have more wins against Italy than Wales in Six Nations history: England (19) Ireland (18) and France (17).
- Wales have won the last 11 meetings between the sides in the Six Nations, last losing in the 2007 Championship.
- Italy's only two wins against Wales in Six Nations history have been at home, winning 23-20 in 2007 and 30-22 in 2003. The lone draw was in Wales in 2006.
- Wales have scored at least 20 points in each of their last 12 games against Italy, only failing to reach 20 points once in the 19 games between the nations (Wales 18-18 Italy in 2006).
- Italy have been limited to 16 points or fewer in 10 of their last 11 Six Nations matches against Wales, only surpassing this total in a 61-20 defeat in 2015.

## COMMON STATISTICS

- Both Italy and Wales scored three tries in round one of the 2019 Championship, including one try each from turnovers.
- All three of Italy's tries and 17 of their 20 points were scored in the last 20 minutes against Scotland. Italy, Wales and Scotland all scored three tries in the second half - the highest total last weekend.

Team	0-20	20-40	40-60	60-80
Italy Tries	0	0	0	3
Wales Tries	0	0	2	1

- Italy kicked from just 6.2% of their possession against Scotland, the lowest percentage in round one of the 2019 Championship, while Wales (43.0%) were the only nation to carry the ball with more than 40% of their possessions.

Italy	Types of Play	Wales
6.2%	Kick	12.1%
38.9%	Carry	43.0%
54.9%	Pass	44.9%

Wales (44.9%) and England (48.9%) were the only nations to attempt passes with less than 50% of their possessions last weekend.

- Italy and Wales were the only nations to lose at least one of their own scrums in round one of the 2019 Championship

Italy	Scrums	Wales
10	Total Scrums	14
4	Total Reset	3
3	Scrums Won	10
3	Scrums Lost	1

Only Wales (10) won more than five of their own scrums last weekend.

- Only Ireland (141) had a higher total number of rucks than Italy (106) in round one of the 2019 Championship, while no team set fewer rucks than Wales (75).

Italy	Rucks	Wales
106	Total Rucks	75
94.3%	Rucks Won %	96.0%
6	Total Rucks Lost	3

Italy lost more rucks than any other team last weekend.

- Just 11 of Italy's 106 rucks lasted for 6+ seconds against Scotland, as only Scotland (10) had a lower total during round one of the 2019 Championship.

Italy	Ruck Speeds	Wales
46.9%	0-3 Secs	41.2%
41.9%	3-6 Secs	38.2%
11.2%	6+ Secs	20.6%

Wales' average ruck speed was 4.49 seconds against France, the slowest average in the tournament last weekend.

- Liam Williams had three tackle breaks against France, the joint-highest total during round one of the 2019 Championship.

Player	Tackle Breaks
Jacob Stockdale (Ireland)	3
Liam Williams (Wales)	3
Jayden Hayward (Italy)	2
Tiziano Pasquali (Italy)	2
Michele Campagnaro (Italy)	2

Jayden Hayward, Tiziano Pasquali and Michele Campagnaro were in a group of 10 players with two tackle breaks last weekend.

- Italy averaged 30.3 metres per kick against Scotland, the highest average during round one of the 2019 Championship.

Team	Average Distance per Kick
Italy	30.3m
France	28.8m
Wales	28.8m
England	27.1m
Scotland	26.8m
Ireland	20.7m

## ITALY

- Italy have lost their last 18 Six Nations games since a 22-19 victory in 2015, their longest run of defeats in Six Nations history.
- Italy have lost their last 12 home games in the Six Nations since a 22-15 win against Ireland in 2013.
- Italy missed just 8.8% (16) of their 182 tackles against Scotland, as only France (7.8%) missed a lower percentage of their tackles in the first round of the 2019 Championship.

- No nation made fewer dominant tackles than Italy (8) in the first round of the 2019 Championship. They averaged 21.0 dominant tackles per match in the 2018 Six Nations.
- Simone Ferrari had 11 defensive ruck arrivals against Scotland, the third highest total in round one of the 2019 Championship.

Player	Defensive Ruck Arrivals
Thomas Curry (England)	16
James Ritchie (Scotland)	13
Simone Ferrari (Italy)	11
Ben Toolis (Scotland)	9

- Italy averaged 6.0 metres per carry against Scotland, the third-highest average in round one of the 2019 Championship, although this was due to averaging 7.3 metres per carry in the last 20 minutes of the match.

	Distance per Carry
Overall	6.0m
0-60 minutes	4.8m
61-80 minutes	7.3m

## WALES

- Wales continued their strong form by opening the 2019 Six Nations with a win against France. They have now won 10 consecutive matches - their longest unbeaten run since 1999 (a ten-game streak).
- Wales have won their last three Six Nations games, their longest winning streak in the competition since a four-match winning run in rounds two to five in 2015. Their fourth win in that streak was a 61-20 victory in Italy.
- Wales ended a four-match losing streak in the Six Nations against France last weekend. They last won more than two away games in a row in the competition in 2015, when they won three away games in a row in Scotland, France and Italy.

- Despite winning 10 of their own scrums against France, Wales' possessions from those scrum wins included two penalties conceded and two turnovers.

#### Possession Results from Scrum Wins (Scrum Launch Outcomes)

	Total
Scrum Wins	10
Penalties Conceded	2
Turnovers	2

- Only Mako Vunipola (9) and Mark Wilson (7) made more dominant tackles than Josh Navidi (4) in round one of the 2019 Championship.

Player	Total
Mako Vunipola (England)	9
Mark Wilson (England)	7
Jonny May (England)	4
Josh Navidi (Wales)	4

- Liam Williams (2) was one of two players who made more than one linebreak in the opening round of fixtures in the 2019 Six Nations (alongside France's Yoann Huget - 2).
- Wales averaged 6.5 metres per carry against France, the highest average during round one of the 2019 Championship.